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Amid complaints of technical glitches and delayed distribution of kits to enumerators, the second Social and Educational Survey got off to a slow start on Monday. » PAGE 6

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NEW DELHI
The Supreme Court on Monday made it clear that a Bench led by Justice Surya Kant will hear pleas challenging Karnataka's decision to withdraw consent to investigate a disproportionate assets case against Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar. » PAGE 7

Jaishankar, Rubio meet amid trade, visa tensions

The duo held discussions on the sidelines of UN General Assembly meet in New York; Minister says talks covered 'bilateral and international issues'; Piyush Goyal is also in the U.S. this week

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met with U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio in an apparent bid by both sides to repair relations ruptured by a number of U.S. actions, including the 50% tariffs on Indian goods and an increase in H-1B visa fees.

Monday's talks on the sidelines of the 80th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) came even as Indian and U.S. trade negotiators prepared for their next round of talks. Commerce and Industries Minister Piyush Goyal is also in the U.S. this week.

Mr. Jaishankar and Mr. Rubio shook hands at a photo opportunity before the meeting, but avoided making any comments to the press. "Our conversation covered a range of bilateral and international issues of current concern. [We] agreed on the importance of sustained engagement to progress on priority areas. We will remain in touch," Mr. Jaishankar said in a social media post.

The Minister is on his fifth official visit to the U.S. in the past nine months.

During his last visit, Mr. Jaishankar and Mr. Rubio had held the Quad Foreign Minister's Meeting along with their counterparts from Australia and Japan. No date has yet been announced for the Quad summit, which would bring U.S. President Donald Trump and other Quad leaders to Delhi for the meeting due in November. The Rubio-Jaishankar meet on Monday was expected to discuss that.

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Diplomatic meeting: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar with U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio in New York on Monday. AFP

Clarification has eased immediate worry: Nasscom

NEW DELHI
Nasscom on Monday said the U.S. clarification that the H-1B visa fee hike will not affect current visa holders and will apply as a one-time fee only to fresh pleas has helped address the immediate ambiguity surrounding eligibility and timelines. » PAGE 13

Writer Banu Mushtaq showering flower petals on the idol of Chamundeshwari in Mysuru on Monday. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah was also present on the occasion. M.A. SRIRAM. (ANOTHER PHOTO ON PAGE 5)

Mysuru Dasara celebrations begin with a message on harmony

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Mysuru Dasara celebrations got off to a colourful start here on Monday, with Kannada writer Banu Mushtaq, who inaugurated it, calling for promoting harmony and inclusivity.

Ms. Mushtaq, a recipient of the International Booker Prize, lighting the traditional lamp and showering flower petals on the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari atop Chamundi Hills, prayed that "mother Chamundi, an embodiment of truth, courage, and protection, would guide our lives and destroy hatred and intolerance amongst us."

Echoing similar sentiments, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah cautioned opponents against politicising 'Nada Habba'. "Let us do politics in elections. But let's not indulge in dirty politics with regard to Nada Habba," he said.

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Dube 2.0: new quest and new zest

His success with the ball hasn't come about by chance or accident as he has been working very hard at his bowling; after being out of the national side for over three years, his success with Super Kings as a slayer of spin in the middle-order brought him back into the reckoning

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R. Kaushik
DUBAI

Republic Day, 2020, marked the day Shivam Dube turned 27. It was the day India took on New Zealand at Auckland's Eden Park in the second of five Twenty20 Internationals. Sitting on a 1-0 lead and needing just eight off 21 deliveries, Virat Kohli injected Dube at No. 5, perhaps as a birthday gift. The powerful left-hander finished off the game with a flat nonchalant pull off Tim Southee that sailed into the second tier beyond long-on.

That evening, Ravi Shastri, the head coach, couldn't stop gushing. K.L. Rahul anchored the modest chase of 133 with an unbeaten 57, Shreyas Iyer toyed with the Kiwis in making 44, off just 33. Dube finished eight not out, hardly worth a second glance, but the exuberant Shastri couldn't contain himself.

"*Kya shot tha*," he thundered, typically boisterous. "Shades of Yuvi, boss, shades of Yuvi."

Perhaps there were, perhaps there weren't, but it seemed as if, having grabbed the imagination of the boss, Dube was here to stay. But not for long, as it turned out.

Three matches on, at the conclusion of an unprecedented 5-0 rout of New Zealand on their own patch, Dube was put out to pasture. After scores of 3, 12 and 5 in the remaining outings on that Kiwi sojourn, he didn't play for the country until August 2023, for a second XI in Dublin. Three and a half years is a long time in sport, especially for a 27-year-old, but Dube used that period to reinvent himself, with no little help from Chennai Super Kings.

Consummate six-hitter

Dressed in the yellow of the five-time IPL champions, Dube found his calling in the middle-order as a slayer of spin. As the destroyer of egos and reputations, as the consummate six-hitter to whom the length of the boundary didn't matter.

Every stroke he unleashed brought him closer to a long stint with the national team; for two successive IPL seasons, he made such a telling impact that by the time of the T20 World Cup in the USA and the Caribbean last year, he was a certainty not just in the extended 15-man squad, but in the playing XI too.

Dube has earned his spurs as a finisher; 28 T20I innings have brought him 546 runs at a strike-rate of 138.57, 10 not outs have boosted his average to 30.33. Impressive as these numbers are, they are still shaded by his career 20-over figures - average 31.06, strike-rate 141.95 in 173 matches and 154 innings. In the numbers where he bats, often between 4 and 7, these are terrific returns.

It's primarily by taking down the bowling, and especially spin, that Dube has made a name for himself but now, his journey of rediscovery has transformed him into a useful, if not indispensable, cog of the Indian bowling wheel too. Dube isn't so much a reluctant bowler as he is used sparingly; he has sent down only 339 deliveries in 39 T20Is, roughly an over and a half per match. Just thrice has he been required to complete his full complement of four overs though interestingly, two of those instances have come in the last 14 months. Today, he isn't viewed as just one of India's several middle-order floaters; he is also a back-up medium-pacer, a handy asset to possess when the team goes in with just one specialist quick alongside all-rounder Hardik Pandya in conditions the management group believes assist the spinners.

Called into action

Dube is a strong lad, strapping and well built. He is a ponderous mover on the cricket field, patrolling the outfield gingerly and sometimes giving the impression that he is a physical half-step behind the ball, behind the game. As early as in the second over of Pakistan's innings on Sunday at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium, Dube the fielder was called into action, and he didn't exactly measure up to scratch.

India had made a poor start, Abhishek Sharma putting down Sahibzada Farhan off the third ball without a run on the board. It wasn't a sitter, but it wasn't the most challenging of catches either. Abhishek was a little late in reacting, and it seemed as if that was becoming infectious.

Dube took a fraction longer than normal to respond to a whip by Fakhar Zaman off Jasprit Bumrah; as he lumbered towards the ball, one sensed that it would take a monumental effort for him to stop the four. 'Dive, Shivam, dive,' someone offered, helpfully, from the press box, as if he could hear them through the glass that shrouded the enclosure, as if he could hear them over the din of a decent-sized crowd.

Dube didn't dive, of course, watching as the ball sped past the rope for the first of Zaman's three boundaries. Having watched the play closely, Bumrah half-threw his head back and turned around with a wry smile, perhaps unaware that that was merely the start of his miserable evening (he was to finish with unflattering figures of 4-0-45-0). In the press box, the colleague with the 'dive' tip semi-yelled 'C'monnn', his frustration all too evident.

India's all-round frustration mounted with more catches put down, more boundaries shredded, more runs piling up on the board. At the halfway stage, Pakistan was 91 for one on being put in; 185-190 appeared on the cards with so much batting firepower in the shed and all of India's frontline bowlers, including the world's No. 1 T20I exponent, Varun Chakaravarthy, having had a go.

At the mid-innings break, the team came together. Terse words were said, the call to buck up resonating loud and clear. The first over on resumption was to be delivered by Dube. Maybe it was a hopeful, 'let's-see-what-happens' tactic or maybe, Suryakumar Yadav truly believed his Mumbai mate could provide the breakthrough. We will never know, will we?

Massive moment

Dube started modestly, a single and a wide, before he banged the ball into the turf, back of a length. Saim Ayub, the left-hander, sensed an opportunity for easy runs. After three ducks as an opener, he had been pushed down to No. 3 and had got off to a start, 21 off 16. But he hadn't accounted for the extra bounce; his intended pull flew off the leading edge towards the deep field on the leg-side, where Abhishek ran in to complete an excellent catch. The moment was massive for more reasons than one.

Ayub's scalp triggered a sensational comeback from India. Having looked bereft of ideas and imagination for ten overs, India were suddenly a side transformed. Spin twins Kuldeep Yadav and Varun were back at their best even if the wickets remained elusive, but Dube was the star. The unsung hero. In three tidy overs - okay, largely tidy, if you take away an unforgivable no-ball - he didn't concede a boundary. He went for just 16 runs. And he added the wicket of Farhan too to his bag.

Of the 39 deliveries between overs 9.3 and 16.1 when Pakistan didn't hit a four or a six, Dube bowled 18 (minus the no-ball and the wide). To say that he had a huge say in how things panned out for the first 70% of the second half of Pakistan's innings will be no exaggeration.

Dube's success with the ball - he took three for four against UAE in India's opener, 12 nights back - hasn't come about by chance or accident. He works hard at every net session, bowling at the specialist batters looking to take him down.

He has been forced to add pace, to add to his repertoire, to remain relevant in an era where the onus is decidedly on multi-skilled players. His big frame enables him to get bounce, while a change in mindset - he now thinks of himself as a bowler too, not just a ball-basher who might occasionally get a bowl - has contributed to his enhanced effectiveness.

If he isn't one already, Dube is flirting with the all-rounder status. He'll perhaps never be classed in the same category as Hardik, but that doesn't matter, not to him. After all, his competition, if that's the right word, is with himself. In the last 26 months, Indian cricket has invested a lot in Dube and he hasn't disappointed.

At the World Cup last year, he was worth his weight in gold; 31 not out in a mini-crisis against USA when he linked up with Suryakumar to steer India to victory, 34 (24b) against Bangladesh and 29 (22b) against Australia in the Super Eights and a 16-ball 27 in the final against South Africa with India desperately in need of momentum meant he would remain a hero less heralded, but a hero nevertheless.

Rohit Sharma requisitioned just one over of Dube's in the entire campaign, but since Suryakumar succeeded him as captain and Gautam Gambhir took over as head coach, more has been seen of Dube the bowler. The transformation began under Shubman Gill in Zimbabwe last July, when Dube bowled eight overs for three wickets in his three appearances; in his last five matches, he has sent down 11 overs for returns of seven for 79, indicating that the confidence in him as a bowler isn't misplaced.

Surprise package

"He has been working really hard on his bowling in all the practice sessions," said Suryakumar of the surprise package. "And this was the perfect game where he got an opportunity. He always wanted to bowl at least two overs. And today he got to bowl his quota of overs, so he was very happy. The way he delivered, he had very clear plans. I am batting in the nets when he bowls a lot. He bowls to all the proper batters, sometimes with the new ball. His preparations are always on point. Whenever he gets an opportunity, he will always be ready to deliver for the team."

A vote of confidence that should work wonders for any player. Shivam Dube won't be one of the glory boys, unlike Abhishek or his captain or Bumrah or the wrist-spinners. But he won't remain anonymous either. Not for long periods, in any case.

THE GIST

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Children in urban slums are suffering from moderate child food poverty: Study

Children from poorer households, nuclear families, and with less-educated mothers are more at risk, it says

K.C. Deepika
BENGALURU

A recently-published study to estimate "child food poverty" among children aged between 2 and 5 in urban slums found that they lacked adequate nutrition in energy and protein. Most children in urban slums were suffering from moderate child food poverty and had poor feeding practices.

Inadequate dietary intake in early childhood can lead to failure of children reaching their growth potential.

The study, "A Prospective Observational Study to Determine the Energy and Protein Adequacy in Children Aged Two to Five Years in the Urban Field Practice Area of Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru, India" was published in Cureus, an open access general medical journal.

Rose Treesa Mathew and Jyothi Jadhav from the Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, Bengaluru, are the main authors.

WHO growth charts

The study was conducted among 110 children selected using a simple random sampling method, and data were collected using a pretested, semistructured questionnaire from October 2024 to December 2024. Malnutrition was assessed by plotting appropriate WHO Growth Charts. Child food poverty was measured using the UNICEF and WHO dietary diversity score. Of 110 participants, the adequacy of nutrition in energy and protein was found in 30 participants (27.27%) and 18 participants (16.36%), respectively. The proportion of moderate child food poverty was found to be 71 (64.54%). Unhealthy snacking patterns and poor feeding practices were present. Age, parents' education, socio-economic status, type of family, and birth order of the child were found to be significantly associated with nutritional adequacy. Dr. Mathew told *The Hindu* that the researchers obtained a list of eligible children from 10 local Anganwadi centres and used random sampling to select 110 children. Researchers used repeated 24-hour diet recalls over a week and anthropometric measurements to assess whether the children were getting enough energy, protein, and dietary diversity.

'Child food poverty' study

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Updated evidence

"The study was needed because malnutrition and food poverty remain high among pre-school children in India, even with long-standing government nutrition programmes. Previous research suggested very low adequacy of energy and protein intake in this age group, but there was limited recent data from urban slum populations. This study aimed to provide updated evidence on the quality of diets and associated risk factors among young children in Bengaluru's slums," she said.

"Fewer than 8.69 % met both energy and protein needs. Around two-thirds faced 'moderate child food poverty,' meaning their diets lacked diversity. Processed snacks like biscuits and chips were common, while fruits, pulses, and meat were less consumed. Children from poorer households, nuclear families, and with less-educated mothers were more at risk. Food restrictions during illness further worsened nutrition," she said.

She added that the problem is not unique to Bengaluru and similar patterns of inadequate diets and child food poverty are reported across India and in other low-income settings worldwide.

On policymaking

What should policymakers take as a lesson from it? "Ensure affordable access to protein-rich and diverse foods, not just calories, use anganwadi and community health workers to deliver nutrition education and support to mothers, counter harmful feeding practices and reduce reliance on ultra-processed snacks, consider taxing ultra-processed and junk foods to reduce their consumption," she said.

She further suggested introducing pictorial warnings or labels on packaged foods–similar to the veg/non-veg pictograms–to help parents easily recognise "junk" foods and make healthier choices, as well as address the socio-economic roots of food poverty through subsidies, school/anganwadi meals, and poverty alleviation.

MP Sudhakar's wife loses ₹14L to fraudsters; money recovered

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Posing as officials from Mumbai Cybercrime Department, conmen called Preethi, wife of Chickballapur BJP MP K. Sudhakar, and made away with ₹14 lakh on August 26.

Bengaluru West Division Cybercrime Police alerted to the case within the golden hour, tracked down the bank accounts into which the money had been debited, froze those accounts and recovered the money. Based on a recent court direction, the stolen money was returned to the victim.

In her complaint, Dr. Preethi said that the accused posing as an officer with the Mumbai Cybercrime Department called to inform her that her credentials had been misused by a person identified as Sajjad Khan.

He used her credentials to avail a credit card and used it for illegal activities in Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos, the caller claimed.

The accused further said that the police had already arrested Sajjad Khan and shared his photo with Dr. Preethi to make her believe. He even connected the WhatsApp call to another person posing as a senior officer who advised her to cooperate with the investigation to prove her innocence.

He said that as part of the investigations, the police need to access her account to check for any money laundering and illegal transactions citing Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines.

He persuaded Dr. Preethi to transfer all the money to an account, the caller gave her, through RTGS with an assurance to revert back the money after 45 minutes after verification. Trusting them, Dr. Preethi followed their instructions and later found that she had been duped and immediately alerted the police.

Phone-in programme launched with North Corporation Commissioner

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To make civic grievance redressal more accessible, North Corporation Commissioner, Pommala Sunil Kumar, will start a two-hour phone-in programme every Friday, starting September 26. The initiative, titled Connect with Citizens, will allow residents to directly speak with the Corporation Commissioner between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and raise complaints or requests related to civic services.

All major sub-departments, including those handling electricity, garbage disposal, roads and others, will be present during this two-hour programme, along with a technical assistant to ensure complaints are directed to the right officials.

Explaining the initiative, Mr. Kumar told *The Hindu* that this format will allow faster redressal compared to the usual process. "At present, when a citizen files a complaint either through the control room or online, it is routed to the Sahaaya portal or forwarded to the concerned department, which can take time before it reaches the right department. Under the phone-in programme, we will note the complaints and directly upload them, cutting down delays and ensuring follow-up,"

Pommala Sunil Kumar

The two-hour programme will be conducted every Friday, starting September 26

the commissioner said, adding that the complaints raised during the phone-in will be prioritised for redressal. Smaller issues may be addressed within 48 hours, while tasks such as pothole repairs could take up to a week.

Mr. Kumar added that while similar programmes are sometimes held at the jurisdictional level, those require residents to be physically present. "That format is not always fair to everyone. If someone cannot attend, their issue goes unheard. A phone-in allows anyone to participate from anywhere, and it saves time. This is intended as the "first step" towards understanding specific problems across wards and building public trust in the new corporation. This is also about knowing which area is struggling with which issue and ensuring people have direct access to the administration" he added.

'Gangmen' identified

The North Commissioner further said that flooding in low-lying areas, particularly around Hebbal and the Kempegowda International Airport stretch, has been a recurring concern. To address this, executive engineers have identified "gangmen" – labourers living near these vulnerable, low-lying zones who can reach the spot within five minutes for immediate intervention. He added that the move is aimed at tackling waterlogging swiftly, as such incidents often trigger traffic snarls and related disruptions.

Nearly 1,500 potholes within GBA limits will be filled every day, says chief

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Commissioner of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), M. Maheshwar Rao, on Monday said that around 1,500 potholes will be filled every day across all the corporations. The potholes will be identified using data from various apps including 'Fix My Street' app. On average, each of the city's corporations has identified 250-300 potholes to be taken up daily, Mr. Rao said.

"We will be using cold asphalt for the work. Compared to other zones, the South and East corporations have reported more potholes. Stretches with heavy traffic and water stagnation have been the worst affected," the GBA chief said, adding that he is confident that the corporations will meet the daily target.

A badly damaged stretch on the K. Narayanapura Main Road at Kothanur. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

Mr. Rao stressed that the challenge was not about funds but about priority. Both the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister have directed that pothole filling should be treated as the first priority, he said.

Direction

East City Corporation Commissioner D.S. Ramesh directed officials from Civic and Utility Departments to urgently restore and make motorable several arterial and residential roads in the zone, arguing that delays in basic infrastructure works have caused "embarrassment at the national level." To improve coordination, the corporation's eight engineering divisions will now have executive engineers acting as nodal officers. Utility agencies will also designate nodal officers responsible for synchronising works with divisional engineers and ACP-level police officers.

Roads prioritised for immediate action include Bhoganahalli-Panathur road, directed to be widened to 12 m from 8 m, Balagere Road, Vibgyor Road stretch, Jayantinagar Road, Agara Lake Road, among other identified stretches.

South Corporation Commissioner K.N. Ramesh directed officials to clear footpath encroachments and improve cleanliness around Banashankari Temple and Sarakki Market. Mr. Ramesh also ordered that street vendors without valid identification cards be removed from the area.

North City Corporation Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar also inspected several areas. During a visit to the Thanisandra Municipal Workers' Mustering Centre, the Commissioner found that while 13 workers were absent on the biometric system, only three absences were recorded in the attendance book.

Woman stabbed to death by husband

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 28-year-old private firm employee was stabbed to death by her husband while she was waiting at the bus stop with her minor daughter in the Kamakshipalya police station limits on Monday.

The deceased has been identified as Rekha, a native of Sira and resident of Sunkadakatte, while the accused identified as Lokesh Lohithshwa is on the run.

Preliminary investigation revealed that Rekha was married and after separating from her husband she moved to the city with her two minor daughters. She married Lokesh and also got him a job in her company as a driver. Probe revealed that Lokesh suspected that Rekha was having an affair in her office and the couple used to have regular fights. On Monday, the accused armed with a knife followed Rekha and stabbed her multiple times and fled the scene.

Structured approach is key to tackling CSE, says Seemanth Kumar Singh

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"Structured approach is needed to tackle both the preliminary and main examinations of Civil Service Exam (CSE), which is conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). Candidates should combine conceptual clarity with the ability to solve questions within a time frame," advised Seemanth Kumar Singh, Commissioner of Police.

In his keynote address at a meet organised by *The Hindu* Civil Services Aspirants Club in association with Shankar IAS Academy at Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru, on Monday, he outlined the strategies required to crack CSE.

"Set your goals and study smart if you aspire to crack the UPSC exam. Also be a thorough strategist, read the syllabus completely, revise consistently, and focus on the basics, particularly National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) text books," he said.

Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh interacting withstudents at the UPSC Aspirants Meet at Kristu Jayanti University in Bengaluru on Monday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

He cautioned that there is information overload, and often it confuses aspirants as to what they should study and what they can leave out. The real skill lies in choosing what is necessary. "Solving previous question papers is important.

The depth of knowledge on why, when, what of the recent developments in national and international levels also matter," he stated.

"Consistency is the key for preparation," he said, stressing the importance of mental and physical well-being during the preparation journey. "Maintain a positive approach and stay motivated throughout the process.

UPSC is not just about clearing an exam, but about preparing yourself with a sense of purpose and resilience," Mr. Singh noted.

Premanand, branch head of Shankar IAS academy, said, "*The Hindu* is the Bible for UPSC aspirants.... It is a holistic process, concentrate on personality from the beginning. Have a critical and optimistic viewpoint. Always have a proper plan. Have a clear insight and be sensitive in analysing issues."

Fr. Augustine George, Vice-Chancellor of Kristu Jayanti (Deemed to be University) and others were present.

Case filed after fraudster claiming to be DoT staffer calls Sudha Murty

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru police are on the lookout for a man, who posing as an official from the Department of Telecommunication (DoT), called Rajya Sabha member Sudha Murty and tried to get her personal information.

Based on the complaint by Ganapathy Bopaiah, on behalf of Sudha Murty, the police have registered an FIR on Saturday charging the accused under sections 66C (identity theft), 66D (impersonation) and 84C (attempt to commit offence) of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

The accused posing as a staffer from DoT called Ms. Murty and told her that her mobile number had not been linked with her Aadhar and sought her personal details, which she denied to give.

The accused allegedly turned abusive and threatened to block her SIM card in the next three hours if she did not give the details. Ms. Murty cut the call and checked on TrueCaller and the number was saved as "Telecom Department".

The police have traced the caller to Kolkata and a team has been dispatched to track him down.

Gang of four loots ₹1.5 crore from the house of professor

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A gang of four men posing as government officials robbed ₹1.5 crore in cash and gold valuables from the house of a professor in Yelahanaka recently.

The accused barged into the house of Giriraj, working as a professor at a private university, claimed to be from the government and was conducting search and seizure operations at the house.

They ransacked the house, found a bag with ₹1.5 crore cash kept in the kitchen and claimed to "seize" it and fled the house. They also took some gold jewellery they found in the house.

Prof. Giriraj was away when the incident happened and the accused threatened his wife and aged parents and made away with the money. Prof. Giriraj had brought and kept the money at home to buy a property, sources said.

The police analysed the CCTV camera footage and found the car the accused came in used a fake registration plate.

The police suspect someone with the knowledge of the money at home was behind the heist and investigations are on.

Physics of light-based computers could change the way AI works

Researchers studying nonlinear interactions between intense light pulses passing through glass fibres uncovered something unusual; they found it is possible to use the physics of light in optical fibres to perform AI tasks potentially much faster and using less energy than traditional computers

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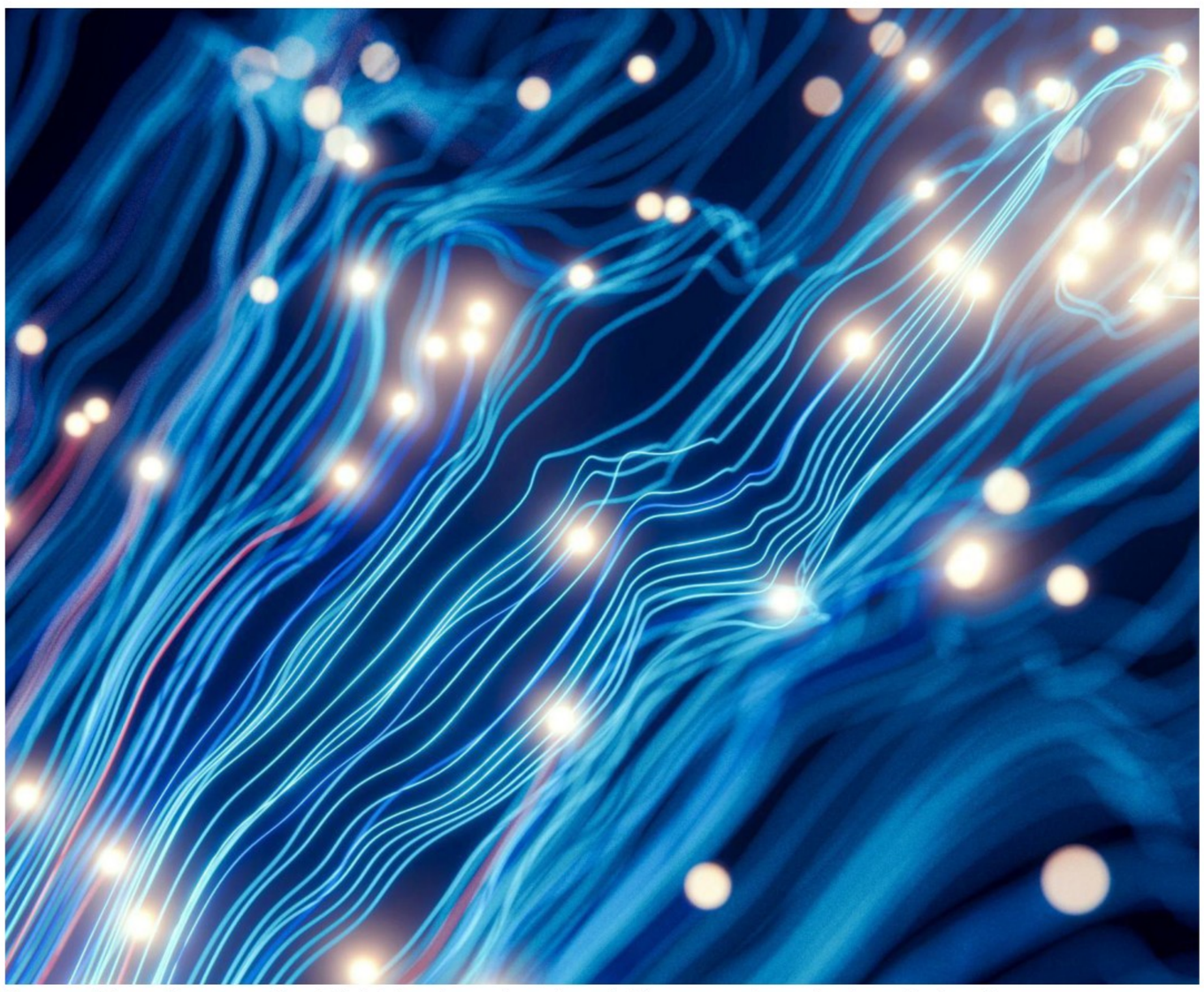

New research is revealing opportunities within light-based computing, using optical fibres, to meet the growing demand for faster AI. LUKE JONES/UNSPLASH

Modern computing banks on conventional electronics and algorithms to process data. But because the hardware operates according to the laws of physics, data processing has a physical speed limit. The availability of power further constrains this speed, especially if the software being run is a power-guzzling artificial intelligence (AI) model. Thus one major preoccupation of scientists worldwide is coming up with new kinds of computers that increase the speed limit by operating differently.

One promising kind is light-based, a.k.a. optical, computing. These computers use photons, the particles of light, rather than electrons. Because photons travel at the speed of light and photonic devices generate less heat than electronic devices do, optical computing promises to be faster, have more bandwidth, and be more energy-efficient.

An important part of an optical computer will be the optical fibres that transmit data from one component to another within the machine. This particular technology is already in use worldwide: it transmits billions of bytes of data between countries and continents and enables superfast internet services.

A new door

But before scientists can use optical computing to supercharge AI models, they need some handles to control certain physical properties of light. Light usually behaves in a regular, predictable way when it passes through media like glass or water. Scientists know this as light's linear response.

However, when light pulses are very intense, like those issued by a powerful laser, they elicit a different response from the material they are passing through. This is the non-linear regime. Among others, light pulses in this regime can interfere with each other, spread out or converge, and generate new frequencies (colours) of light.

Recently, two research teams – from Tampere University in Finland and Université Marie et Louis Pasteur in France – studied nonlinear interaction between intense light pulses passing through thin glass fibres and uncovered something unusual. The researchers reported that it's possible to use the physics of light in optical fibres to perform complex AI tasks potentially much faster and with less energy than traditional computers. The work has opened a door to new types of AI hardware that can be used in areas where speed and efficiency are critical. The findings were published in *Optical Letters* in June.

Image to numbers and back

In the study, the researchers focused on an AI model called an extreme learning machine (ELM). Instead of using traditional computer chips, they used the physical properties of light travelling through optical fibres to perform calculations. Their main goal was to understand how well this approach worked for recognising images and what factors affected its accuracy.

An ELM is a type of neural network that is fast and simple. It has only one hidden layer (between the input and output layers), and only the output weights are trained. The ELM finds these weights in a single step using a mathematical method, rather than learning through repeated adjustments like in deep neural networks.

In this setup, the input data, like an image, was transformed into a dataset of numbers. This made it easier for the network to separate and classify different types of inputs. Then, the ELM used a simple linear calculation to match the transformed data to the correct label, e.g. which digit an image shows.

The researchers use the unique properties of light in optical fibres to perform the transformation needed for the ELM. Each image was first downsized – like from 28 × 28 pixels to 10 × 10 – to fit the limited bandwidth of the light pulse. The image data was then encoded onto a very short pulse of light, either by changing the phase (how the light wave oscillates) or the amplitude (how strong the light is) at different frequencies.

Fingerprint in the colours

The encoded light pulse was then sent through a length of optical fibre. The pulse fibre interactions were in the nonlinear regime. The researchers tracked how the fibre responded to the pulses and how different colours of light travel at different speeds, a property called dispersion. These changes mixed up the information in the light pulses in a way that was hard to reverse – but useful for the ELM's transformation step.

At the end of the fibre, the team measured how much light there was of each colour. This spectrum contained a 'fingerprint' of the original image, transformed by the fibre's nonlinear effects. The team used it as the hidden layer in the ELM – the computing layer between the input and the output that gave rise to the machine's 'intelligence'.

By using the speed and efficiency of light, computers of the future could think and learn in ways that may make the AI models available to us today seem crude

In this way, the team trained the ELM on thousands of labelled images. Then they tested the model on new images to see how accurately it could classify them.

With optimal settings, the team found that the ELM was more than 91% accurate at recognising handwritten digits using the optical fibre's anomalous dispersion regime and more than 93% accuracy in the normal dispersion regime. These results were close to those achieved by traditional computer-based ELMs but were achieved using the physics of light instead of electronics.

Let there be light

According to the published paper, increasing the strength of the nonlinear effects and the fibre fibre length improved accuracy, but only up to a point. Too much of an increase caused the system to become unstable and less accurate. There is thus an optimal range for these parameters.

In sum, the study demonstrated that optical fibres can be used as powerful tools for machine learning, specifically for tasks like image recognition.

By carefully tuning the system's parameters and understanding the effects of noise and encoding, it's possible to achieve high accuracy using the natural properties of light.

This approach could lead to new, faster, and more efficient AI systems in the future.The scientists who led the teams behind the study said in a statement: "This work demonstrates how fundamental research in nonlinear fibre optics can drive new approaches to computation."

The study paper did note some limitations it said could be overcome in future research.

For example, the team's model didn't include all possible real-world effects, such as changes in the light's polarisation (the direction in which its electric field oscillates). It said future work could also explore encoding information on different polarisation states or using more complex optical fibres.

There is also a stated potential to improve the system by measuring not just the spectrum's intensity but also its phase.

This said, the study highlighted the opportunities within light-based computing with optical fibres to meet the growing demand for faster as well as smarter AI. By using the speed and efficiency of light, computers of the future could think and learn in ways that may make the AI models available to us today seem crude. But this will take many more years as experts and businesspersons design and test new technologies like photonic integrated circuits and optical neural networks.

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Waves batter Basco, in the northern Philippines, as Typhoon Ragasa made landfall on Monday. AP

China to evacuate 400,000 as Super Typhoon Ragasa approaches

Associated Press

The Chinese city of Shenzhen began preparing to evacuate 400,000 people while residents of the northern Philippines sought shelter from gale-force winds Monday as Super Typhoon Ragasa continued on a collision course with southern China.

The typhoon made landfall on the Philippines' Calayan Island, part of the sparsely populated Babuyan chain, at 3 pm (0700 GMT), according to the Philippine weather service.

As of 2 pm (0600 GMT), maximum sustained winds of 215 kph were reported at the storm's centre, with gusts reaching as high as 295 kph, the national weather service said.

"I woke up because of the strong wind. It was hitting the windows, and it sounded like a machine that was switched on," said Tirso Tugagao, a resident of Aparri, a coastal town in northern Cagayan province.

Cagayan disaster chief Rueli Rapsing told AFP his team was prepared for "the worst".

Just over 10,000 Filipinos were evacuated across the country, with schools and government offices closed Monday in the Manila region and across 29 other provinces.

A much larger operation will take place in China's Shenzhen, where authorities said late on September 21 they planned to move hundreds of thousands of people from coastal and low-lying regions.

Multiple other cities in Guangdong province announced classes and work would be cancelled, and public transportation suspended because of the typhoon.

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Hong Kong-based Cathay Pacific said it expected to cancel more than 500 flights as Ragasa threatened the financial hub.

A spokeswoman for the airline said passenger flights in and out of Hong Kong International Airport would be halted from 6 pm Tuesday, "resuming during daytime hours on Thursday".

'Extremely torrential'

In Taiwan, the state weather service predicted a chance of "extremely torrential rain" in the country's east.

"Its storm radius is quite large, about 320 (kilometres). Although the typhoon's centre is still some distance away, its wide, strong wind field and outer circulation are already affecting parts of Taiwan."

James Wu, a local fire department officer, told AFP that evacuations were ongoing in mountainous areas near Pingtung.

"What worries us more is that the damage could be similar to what happened during Typhoon Koinu two years ago," he added, describing a storm that saw utility poles collapse and sheet-metal roofs sent flying into the air.

Philippine government weather specialist John Grender Almario said Sunday that "severe flooding and landslides" could be expected in the northern areas of the main island Luzon.

The threat of flooding from Ragasa comes just a day after thousands of Filipinos took to the streets to protest a growing corruption scandal involving flood control projects that were shabbily constructed or never completed.

The Philippines is the first major landmass facing the Pacific cyclone belt, and the archipelago is hit by an average of 20 storms and typhoons each year, putting millions of people in disaster-prone areas in a state of constant poverty. Scientists warn that storms are becoming more powerful as the world warms due to the effects of human-driven climate change.

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

Applications of lasers

Vasudevan Mukunth

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QUESTION 1
A popular application of lasers is in _____, which is a technique to record and then recreate the set of all points in a wave that are in phase. While it's used in many areas of physics, it's perhaps best known in security features. Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 2
The technique known as X spectroscopy uses a laser as the light source. The shorter this light's wavelength, the higher the technique's resolution. It's used to determine the energies at which molecules vibrate and composition of corrosion on the surface of paintings. Name X.

QUESTION 3
When light from space nears the earth's surface, some of the information it contains becomes distorted in the atmosphere. So ground-based telescopes shine a laser upwards and which their optics use as a reference point in the sky. What are these points called?

QUESTION 4
Space laser _____ are powerful tools with which to measure the shape of the earth's surface. A satellite shines a laser beam down and measures its reflection time. Variations in this time indicate ups and downs on the surface. Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 5
Y, of which there are currently two in the world, with a third set to come up in India, detects gravitational waves using a pair of Michelson-Fabry-Pérot interferometers, each 4 km long and operated with laser light. Name Y.

Answers to September 18 quiz:
1. Visualising surface vibrations using patterns in sand on top – **Ans: Cymatics**
2. Loud event when a vehicle breaks the sound barrier – **Ans: Sonic boom**
3. Stable waves in guitar strings, flute pipes, etc. – **Ans: Standing waves**
4. When vibrations amplify when driven at natural frequency – **Ans: Resonance**
5. Engineered materials that can guide sound waves – **Ans: Metamaterials**

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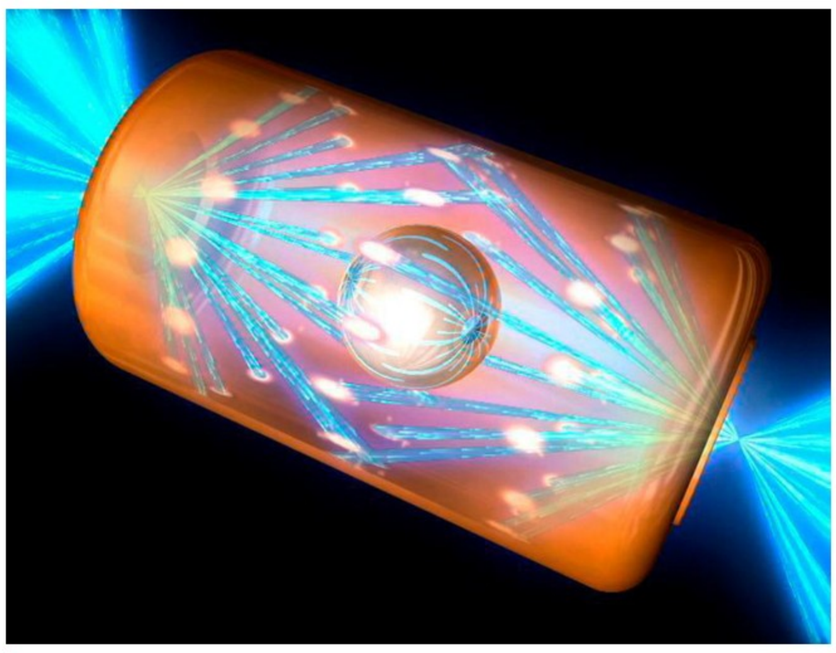

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VTU plans to adopt AI to set question papers, evaluate answer sheets

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AI tech adaptation is the next step for the Visvesvaraya Technological University, which has already adopted the digital evaluation system. FILE PHOTO

In a significant examination reform, the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) is planning to adopt Artificial Intelligence (AI) to set question papers and evaluate the answer sheets for engineering courses.

This is to bring uniformity in the setting of question papers and evaluation system of engineering courses across Karnataka, said S. Vidyashankar, Vice-Chancellor of VTU.

"Three to four companies and some research scholars have come forward to help in implementing AI technology in the question paper setting and evaluation system of engineering courses and they have given demos too. After studying these and getting a report on whether the processes are carried out properly, steps will be taken to implement them in our university," he said. AI tech adaptation is the next step for VTU, which has already adopted the digital evaluation system. Answer sheets are scanned and evaluated by teachers through computers, which has helped in giving quick results.

However, evaluation is still not fool-proof. For instance, during evaluation, there can be huge differences between the marks given by two evaluators for the same answer. As per VTU rules, an evaluator can be penalised only when the difference in marks between two evaluators is over 15.

In addition, although the university has implemented several guidelines regarding the setting of question papers, many differences have been identified in the pattern of papers set by different individuals.

'Help bring uniformity'

VTU hopes that employing AI tools would help bring uniformity in the setting of question paper and evaluation system.

"AI is a tool of the next generation in all the sectors," said Mr. Vidyashankar, adding that the process is in experimental stage.

Some private universities have already adopted AI technology to set question paper and evaluate answer sheets for MBA course, but it has not been completely successful. Question papers can be easily set through AI technology, but not as easy in evaluation process, said the Vice-Chancellor.

"If we give the syllabus and framework, question paper can be set by AI. However, there is a big challenge in implementing AI in evaluation system. We will test it in supplementary exam and only if it is 100% successful will we adopt it. We need another year to come to a concrete decision on this," he added.

Passenger attempts to open cockpit door

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A passenger aboard an Air India Express flight from Bengaluru to Varanasi tried to open the cockpit door, mistaking it for a toilet, on Monday.

The incident took place on flight IX 1086 when it was mid-air. The passenger involved was a first-time traveller, the airline said in a statement. Air India Express said safety protocols were in place during the flight, and security was not compromised. The passenger and the group of eight travellers he was flying with, were handed over to the Varanasi police.

The airline said the incident was reported to relevant authorities and is under investigation. Sources in the CISF said the passenger, who was among a group of nine passengers, expressed ignorance about the act as he was a first-time air traveller.

Yellow Line services delayed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Commuters on the Namma Metro's Yellow Line (R.V. Road to Bommasandra) faced delays on Monday evening after a technical issue disrupted regular operations. According to a statement from the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL), train services began running behind schedule from around 7.00 p.m.

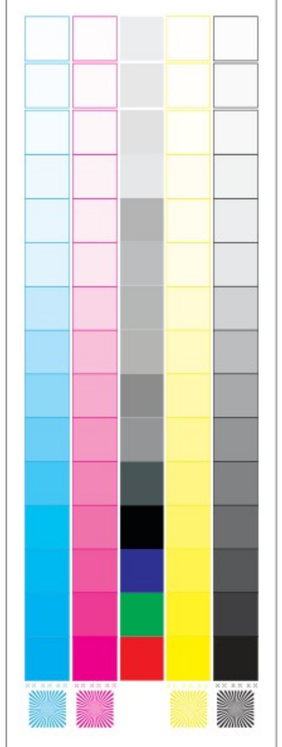
The disruption caused inconvenience to passengers during peak evening hours.

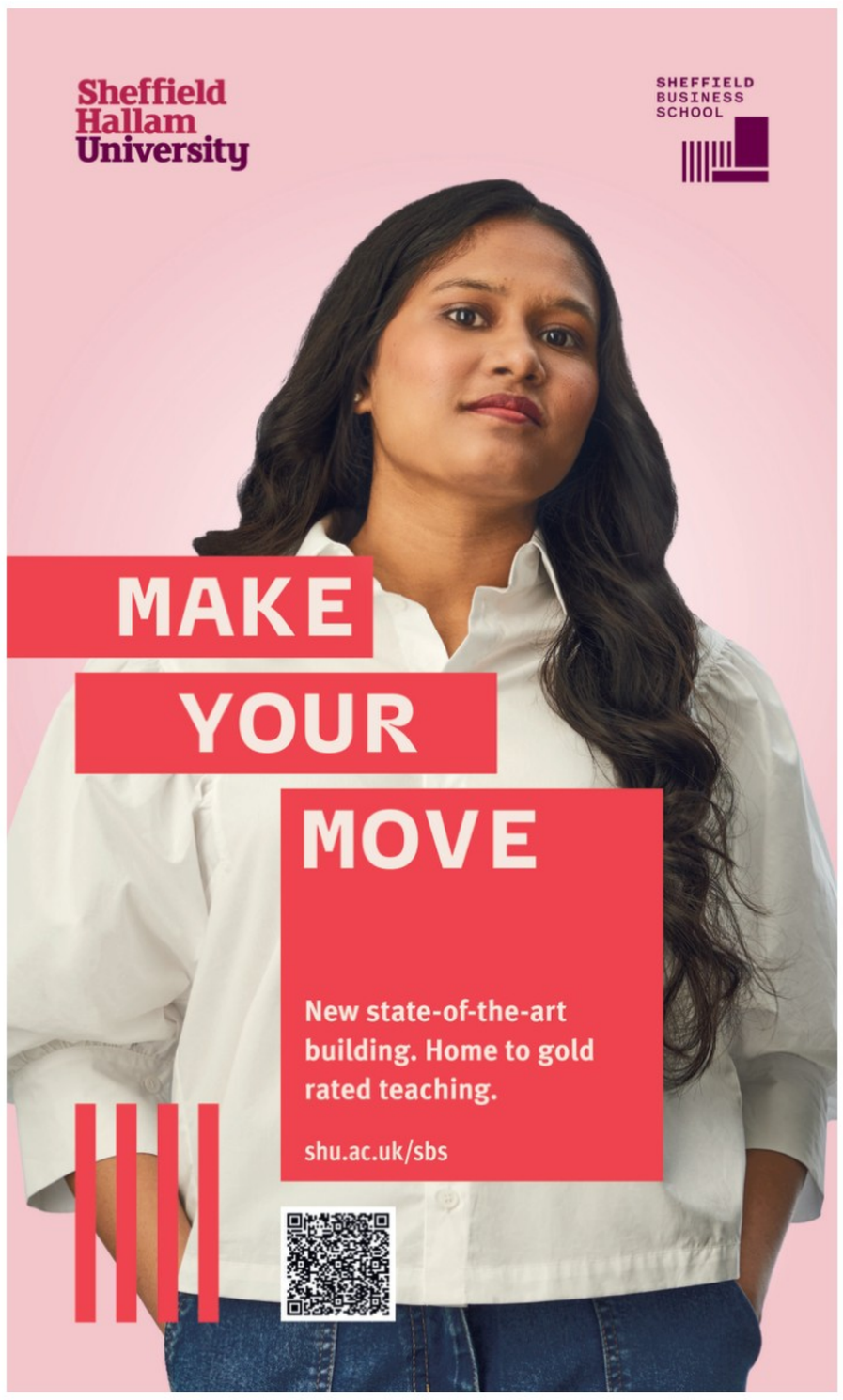
Government transfers major roadwork to BSMILE from GBA

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Five major projects worth over ₹2,600 crore have been already transferred to BSMILE

The Karnataka government has transferred all arterial, sub-arterial and major road infrastructure projects under the jurisdiction of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) to Bangalore Smart Infrastructure Limited (BSMILE) for execution and monitoring. Five major projects worth over ₹2,600 crore have been already transferred to BSMILE. These include the white topping action plan (₹800 crores), Ejipura Flyover (₹307 crores) elevated rotary flyover at IOC Junction and Rail-over-Bridge (ROB) at Byppanahalli (₹380 crores), high density corridor action plan (₹273 crores), and white topping work action plan (₹900 crores). Raghavendra Prasad B.G., an officer from the GBA, has been given additional charge of the Chief Engineer post for the Road Infrastructure Division at BSMILE until further orders. As per the government order, this reallocation aims to accelerate project completion, improve oversight, and improve execution of key corridors.





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Projected savings in grocery expenses due to GST reforms

13 in per cent. As per government estimates, stationery, clothing, footwear and medicine purchases would bring in savings in the range of 7-12%, while savings would go up to 18% in the case of individual health and life insurance policies, which have been exempt from GST effective Monday. PTI

Share of low-income regions that continue to live near coasts

46 in per cent. About 46% of the world's low-income regions, especially in Africa and Asia may be forced to continue living in coastal areas or move closer to the coast, revealing a large gap in adapting to and addressing risks due to climate change, a study has suggested. PTI

Centre's expenditure on infra projects in Arunachal Pradesh

5,100 in ₹ crore. These projects, to be developed on the Yarjep river, are part of a larger effort to expand Arunachal Pradesh's hydroelectric capacity, contributing significantly to regional energy security, officials said. PTI

Number of years since a President of Syria has attended UNGA

57 Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa arrived in New York to take part in the UN General Assembly, the first president of Syria to do so in nearly six decades. The last time a Syrian head of state attended the UNGA was in 1967. That was before the 50-year rule of the Assad family dynasty. PTI

Number of pro-Palestine protesters in Milan

50 In thousand. People across Italy organised a day of action to denounce the genocide in Gaza, which included port blockades. The demonstrations came the same day as many countries prepared to recognise a Palestinian state. AFP

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Why is India not importing corn from the U.S.?

Has the ethanol blending of petrol increased demand for maize and corn? From which countries has India been importing maize? How different is the U.S.'s farming industry when compared to India? Why has China stopped importing soybeans from the U.S.? What is India's stance on U.S. corn?

EXPLAINER

M. Kalyanaraman

The story so far:
Among the key areas of disagreement between the U.S. and India regarding trade is a demand that India should import U.S. corn. U.S. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick has said that India has 1.4 billion people but does not import a single bushel of corn from the U.S. (25 kg approximately).

Does India import corn?
India's maize yield is quite poor and is below four tonnes per hectare whereas the world average is six tonnes. Despite that, India had been largely self-sufficient and has sometimes even exported maize, mainly for poultry and other livestock feed as well as for human consumption.

With the ramp up of ethanol blending of petrol, India has had to balance between its food needs and ethanol production. For instance, it has to decide between sugar manufacture versus diverting sugarcane products to ethanol production. Similarly, India has also had to ramp up maize feedstock for ethanol production. This Kharif-Rabi-Spring season, the maize crop is expected to supply some 10 to 12 million tonnes for ethanol production out of an overall 50 million tonnes production, says H.S. Jat, Director of the ICAR-Indian Institute of Maize Research in Ludhiana. He adds that there will not be any need to import maize this year given the bounty crop expected.

India has, however, been importing maize in recent times, apparently for ethanol. For instance, overall maize imports were some one million tonnes in 2024-25 (60% from Myanmar and much of the rest from Ukraine). This represents an almost eight times increase over the previous year.

India doesn't import U.S. corn, much of which is Genetically Modified (GM). India has allowed only GM cotton cultivation, with GM brinjal and mustard cultivation remaining in the investigation stage. Some critics say that fears over cultivating GM crops such as alleged toxicity and diseases will apply to imported GM corn produce as well if it enters the food chain.

Why does the U.S. want to export to India?
In India, farming is the occupation of the masses and is primarily targeted at removing hunger and enhancing nutrition. In the U.S., however, farming is essentially capitalist and characterised by high productivity (U.S. maize yield is three times that of India), very large land holdings (typically 500 acres per farming family or operation, as it's called there), and high levels of mechanisation since only a little more than three million people are engaged in the two million farming operations.

U.S. agriculture is largely a feedstock producer for massive agribusinesses. This is a sharp change from the era of the Great Depression when, as hunger mounted amidst high production, the U.S. government under President Franklin D. Roosevelt moved in to institute hunger-nutrition programs through food stamps to boost consumption and ensured subsidies to pay farmers for not producing. Another key government spend within the hunger-nutrition scheme that continues today is school lunch programmes.

The 1960s and 70s saw a strengthening of hunger-nutrition programs. However, a little later, the focus of U.S. agriculture again shifted towards making it increasingly capitalist, though the government steps in from time to time, such as during the recession of the late 2000s, to beef up the food stamps programme.

As the World Trade Organization rules began to be enforced that required U.S. and other developed nations to cut farm subsidies, there has been a bigger thrust towards capitalist farming. Huge payouts such as counter-cyclical payments to farmers and agribusinesses has led to the growth of giant agri-multinationals. The dominant crops in the U.S. are the cash crops of corn and soybean whereas fruits, vegetables and wheat that often go towards direct human consumption are considered "speciality" crops. Overproduction of cash crops is characteristic of U.S. farming and there is a constant need for expanding export markets. Out of a total 350 million tonnes of yearly corn production, some 45 million tonnes are exported.

Maize is only marginally consumed directly by the people in the U.S. but it feeds a range of industries such as the manufacturing of processed products like high fructose corn syrup; ethanol production; plastic-making; as well as animal feed. Corn is a key feed for massive Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) that raise cattle in confined spaces for slaughter. CAFOs are essential to America's nearly 30-million-tonne meat production every year. The U.S. therefore is specifically eyeing ethanol blending in India for its corn exports.

What are the political stakes behind corn and soybean exports?
The corn belt is practically synonymous with the U.S. midwest region. So is soybean production. This region is the Republican heartland and the core of U.S. President Donald Trump's voter base. California is the base for speciality crops such as fruits and vegetables and a Democrat stronghold. In the U.S., Democrat-Republican differences run deep and echo not just in political and economic viewpoints but also in lifestyles, type of power plants, agriculture crop choices and so on.

With a good forecast for corn and soy crop this year, export markets are key to keeping the agribusiness chain well-oiled. Even during the Biden administration, corn lobbyists visited India to promote American corn for ethanol. Though there has been a move to increase interest in farm legislation for its impact on food consumption, agribusiness lobbying groups still heavily influence Congress and Senate decisions.

The U.S. election cycle kicks off with primaries in Iowa, a key corn-soy producing State in the midwest. Party candidates for the post of the President are decided through primaries that happen successively in various States. Iowa broadly decides the line-up if not the eventual winner, and therefore the corn lobby wields considerable power in U.S. politics.

Moreover, following the China-U.S. standoff, China has stopped buying soybean from the U.S. China, a major soy user, imports three-fifths of its needs and is turning to other producers such as Brazil. This year's soy crop in the U.S. has no orders from China. This has set off a crisis in midwestern States such as North Dakota.

What are the stakes for India?
Even if GM corn were safe, India's freezing of GM crop cultivation will make it politically difficult to import GM corn produce. Moreover, India will be wary considering what happened with Mexico.

Following the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement in the 1990s, Mexico had to import massive amounts of cheap U.S. corn, which drove more than a million Mexican farmers out of business who then had to take up employment as workers in U.S. factories. Even now, Mexico continues to import nearly 25 million tonnes of U.S. corn despite concerns over GM crop.

U.S. corn price is just about 70% of Indian maize without taking into account shipping, marketing costs and business margins. This would be equivalent to dumping.

Also, India has built a maize ecosystem for ethanol, as Mr. Jat points out. Annual maize production has nearly doubled in the last two-three years. "Maize acreage this Kharif saw a 10.5 lakh hectare increase compared to last Kharif. We will be destroying the ecosystem if we commit to cheap maize imports, leading to much distress to new maize farmers," he said.

Bihar farmers have taken to maize and the State will go for elections soon. Allowing maize imports could play against the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) there.

Further, importing feedstock for ethanol blending defeats a key purpose of the ethanol programme. Besides the potential to cut carbon emissions, ethanol-blended petrol serves to cut the oil import bill. Import substitution through ethanol blending of 20% of petrol can potentially prevent $10 billion of forex outgo every year, which could in turn go into the pockets of Indians including farmers.

Corn imports would defeat the purpose of India's ethanol blending programme.

Search for markets: A farmer dumps corn in a grain trailer as he harvests a field, near Clear Lake, Iowa in 2013. AP

THE GIST

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
(Infrastructure Development, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department)
Karnataka Maritime Board
Office of the Executive Engineer, Port & Fisheries Division
Shamili Hall, 2nd Floor, Ambalapady, Udupi - 576103
Tel. No.: 0820-2532961 E-mail: pfdudupi@gmail.com

No. EE: P&F :DVN:Udupi:AE:Tender Notification-09/2025-26 Dt: 17.09.2025

Invitation for Tenders (IFT)

Tender Notification

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, "Dredging at Ferry Service Channel (Tender Amount of Rs. 81.30 Lakhs) at Old Mangalore Port) (IDD/2024-25/OW/WORK_INDENT64/CALL-2)" Tenders are invited in E-Procurement to execute the works. To participate in E-Procurement and for more information may be obtained in (http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in) website. Last date for Tender Submission is 03-10-2025 at 5.00 p.m. For further extension refer above mentioned website. No separate paper notification will be issued.

Sd/-, Executive Engineer
Port and Fisheries Division, Udupi

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Application Notification No. 565/SBTA/09-01/2025

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed applications for Engagement of Station Ticket Booking Agents (STBA) at the following NSG-6 Category Railway Station over Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway for issuing of Unreserved / General Tickets through Unreserved Ticket System (UTS) on commission basis for a period of 03 years:

Sl.No.	Station	Code	Sl.No.	Station	Code
1	Basampalle	BSPL	9	Nagasamudram	NGM
2	Devanahalli	DHL	10	Narayanapuram	NRYP
3	Devarapalli	DPE	11	Oddarahalli	ORH
4	D. Samudravalli	DSVS	12	Periyanagathunai	PRNT
5	Hejjala	HJL	13	Shantigrama	SIGA
6	Makkajipalli	MKJ	14	Solur	SOLR
7	Makalidurga	MKL	15	Thippasandra	TASA
8	Malugur	MLU			

Date and Time of Submission of application: From 10:00 Hrs. to 15:00 Hrs. of 23.10.2025
Date and Time Opening of application: 15:05 Hrs. of 23.10.2025
For details log on: www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in

PUB/491/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26 **Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Bengaluru**

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ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL
ASC CENTRE & COLLEGE
AGRAM - POST, BANGALORE-560007
Phone: 080 25550677 Website: www.apsasc.edu.in
TENDER NOTICE

Sealed quotations are invited for Renovation of Store at Army Public School ASC Centre & College (APS ASC C&C). Tender Enquiry/Form can be collected from school office after payment of Rs.250/- (Demand Draft in favour of APS ASC C&C) from 23 Sep 2025 to 29 Sep 2025 (1000hrs to 1300hrs). Last date and time to submit filled tender form is 30 Sep 2025 at 1130 hrs.

Presiding Officer/Member 1
For School Management

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL
ASC CENTRE & COLLEGE
AGRAM - POST, BANGALORE-560007
Phone: 080 25550677 Website: www.apsasc.edu.in
TENDER NOTICE

Sealed quotations are invited for Purchase of 60 x School Desk with 2 Attached Chairs for Army Public School ASC Centre & College (APS ASC C&C). Tender Enquiry/Form can be collected from school office after payment of Rs.250/- (Demand Draft in favour of APS ASC C&C) from 23 Sep 2025 to 29 Sep 2025 (1000hrs to 1300hrs). Last date and time to submit filled tender form is 30 Sep 2025 at 1130 hrs.

Presiding Officer/Member 1
For School Management

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
NOTIFICATION
Bengaluru, 11th September 2025

S.O.4155(E)--In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-Section (1) of Section 20E of the Railway Act, 1989 (24 of 1989), the Ministry of Railway (South Western Railway, Construction Organization, Bengaluru Cantonment) after being satisfied with the report of Competent Authority and Special Land Acquisition Officer, Tumkur vide his office communicated hereby declares that the lands described and shown in the following schedule and notified under S.O. 2698(E) dated 16.06.2025 issued under sub-section (1) of Section 20A of chapter IVA of Railway Act, 1989 amended in 2008, shall be acquired for executing the Special Railway Project namely "Construction of ROB in lieu of LC No. 38 at Kyatsandra - Tumkur @ Ch: 65/300-400 (Baddihalli road, near fire station, Kyatsandra Village)" in the State of Karnataka.

Any person interested in the said land may, within 30 days from the date of publication of this notification in the official gazette, raise objection to the acquisition and use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under Sub-section (1) of 200 of the said Act:

Every such objections shall be made to the **'Competent Authority',** namely, Special Land Acquisition Officer, Tumkur - Raydurga Railway Project, Tumkur for LC No. 38 at Baddihalli Gate in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the competent authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the competent authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

The Competent Authority issued 200 Notice to the Land Owners and provided 30 Days period for objections and the hearing conducted on 25.07.2025. No objections were received and no land owners attended for objection hearing.

Any order made by the competent authority under sub-section (2) of Section 200 of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land covered under this 20E notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid Office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

District: Tumakuru **Hobli:** Kasaba
Taluk: Tumakuru **Village:** Devarayapattana (Kyathsandra Area)

Sl. No.	Sy. No.	Beneficiary	Extent (in Acres - Gunta) Total (A-G)	A Kharab (A-G)	B Kharab (A-G)	Balance (A-G)	Classification of Land
1.	104/2	Director General. Karnataka State Fire and Emergency Services Department	0-07	-	-	0-07	Dry
2.	105	Govt. Land	0-06	-	0-06	-	Govt. Land
3.	107/2	K. S. Shanthaiah	0-13	-	0-00 1/4	0-12 3/4	Dry
4.	107/3	K. S. Shanthaiah. Gangambika W/o Late Umesh (Joint)	0-02	-	-	0-02	Dry
		Total	**0-28**	**-**	**0-06 1/4**	**0-21 3/4**	**-**

No. W.271/CN/BNC/2025-26/Land SRP/1727

Sd/-
(Pradeep Puri)
Chief Engineer-III/Construction
South Western Railway, Bengaluru Cantonment

PUB/496/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26

BEFORE THE IIIrd ADDITIONAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE COURT, GOBICHETTIPALAYAM
O. S. No: 216 of 2025

B.Gopal Reddy, S/o, Bushil Reddy Narappa Reddy, Gontivaripalli, Ganganapalli, Cuddapah, Sriavadhutha, Kasinayanna, Andhra Pradesh – 516217 ....Plaintiff

Vs

Narra Rupesh Kumar, S/o Narra Eeswara Reddy, Door No: 170, 2nd cross, SBM Bank Building, Koramangala 1st block, Bangalore south, Bangalore, Karnataka-560034 .....Defendant

SUMMON TO THE DEFENDANT

As per order of the above court it here by noticed that the above Plaintiff B.Gopal Reddy S/O, Bushil Reddy Narappa Reddy, had filed a civil suit for specific performance of contract in O.S. No: 216 of 2025 against you Narra Rupesh Kumar, S/O, Narra Eeswara Reddy before the Honourable Third Additional District Judge Court (III ADJ) Gopichettipalayam, Erode District. The above case is posted on 27/10/2025 for your appearance.

You are hereby informed that you will appear on 27/10/2025 at 10.00 am before the Honourable Third Additional District and Sessions Judge Court Gopichettipalayam without fail. Failing which the above case will be decided against you as ex-party on your absence.

B. NAGAKUMAR B.A.,B.L., Advocate
15/2, R.R. Building 1st Floor, Dr.Radhakrishnan Road, Teachers Colony, Erode - 638 011. (TN)
Mobile: 98427 48485

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Open Tender Notice No.: BE-29-2025-26-OT-12

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Item of work	Approx. Value
Electrical arrangements for **1)** Provision of express feeder for reliable power supply to Shravanabelagola (SBGA) station. **2)** Proposed construction of Dormitory at second floor of service building at Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal Benglauru (SMVB) Railway station. **3)** Provision of water coolers on platforms over KSR Bengaluru (SBC) Division to comply Minimum Essential Amenity Norms. **4)** Provision of Rd 06 Spur Line of 686 m with shunting neck of 650 m towards KSR Bengaluru (SBC) end duly dismantling existing goods unloading platform adjacent to Rd 05.	**Rs. 70,29,422.50**

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 08.10.2025
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/ General/Bengaluru

PUB/485/AAMO/PRB/SWR/2025-26

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EMPLOYEES' PROVIDENT FUND ORGANIZATION
(Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India)
Regional Office, K R Puram, No.F-28, NSU Block
ITI Campus (Bengaluru Plant), Dooravani Nagar, Bengaluru-560016.
Ph:080-25658003, E-mailId:sro.krpuram@epfindia.gov.in

No.KN/PF/RO/KRP/722/2025-26 Date: 12.09.2025

PRESS NOTE

Awareness on Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojna and Employer Registration Process

The Government of India has launched the **Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojna** to catalyze employment generation and strengthen social security for Indian workforce. This flagship scheme provides **monetary incentives** to both **first-time employees** and **employers,** aimed at expanding formal employment helping employers in onboarding new talent.

Monetary Benefits

For First-Time Employees (Part A):

- Eligible employees (those who have **never contributed to EPFO** before August 1, 2025, and earn up to ₹1 lakh per month) receive a **one-time incentive** equivalent to one month's basic plus DA, up to ₹15,000.
- The incentive is disbursed in **two instalments:**
  - **1st installment** after **6 months** of continuous employment, and
  - **2nd installment** after **12 months,** subject to completion of a **financial literacy programme.**

For Employers (Part B):

- Employers receive a **monthly incentive per additional employee** for **2 years** (extended to **4 years** for manufacturing firms) if additional employee is retained for at least 6 months:
  - **₹1,000/month** for employees earning up to ₹10,000/month
  - **₹2,000/month** for those earning between ₹10,001 and ₹20,000/month
  - **₹3,000/month** for employees earning more than Rs.20,000/- and up to Rs.1 Lakh/- month.
- Employers with less than **50 employees** must hire at least **2 additional employees;** those with **50 or more** must hire at least **5** employees to qualify.

Payment Mechanism:

- **First-time employee's incentive** is credited via **DBT** into their **Aadhaar-linked bank account.**
- **Employer's incentive** is transferred directly into their **PAN-linked bank account.**

Employer Registration Process

To avail these benefits, employers must complete a **one-time online registration** on the **EPFO Employer Portal:**

1. Visit the official PMVBRY portal—either **pmvbry.epfindia.gov.in** or **pmvbry.labour.gov.in**-and log in as an employer.
2. Navigate to **PMVBRY → PART B Registration.**
3. Enter the following details: **GST, bank account linked with PAN,** and submit an **undertaking.**
4. Complete the verification through **e-Sign or Digital Signature Certificate (DSC).**
5. Upon successful registration, download and retain the **PDF of undertaking** for record.

(Employers without GST can select a valid reason from the dropdown; bank details may be updated later if needed.)

All eligible employers are urged to register promptly on the above cited portal and help in creating sustainable employment for **VIKSIT BHARAT.**

Date: 23.09.2025
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CHANGE OF NAME

I, SIEMON D, r/at No. Embrace 5A, Nisarga layout, 1st Cross, Byrathi, Kothanur, Bengaluru 560077 have changed my name as Simon D vide affidavit dtd 16.09.25 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bluru

I, ASHWITHA D Almeida, r/at No.18, Ramesh Kumar Road, Oil Mill Road, Aravind nagar, Marathi Sevanagar, Bengaluru 560033 have changed my name as Ashwitha Rozario vide affidabvit dtd 27.08.25 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bluru

By an affidavit before the IV Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City, I have changed my name from TV Rajalakshmi to Rajalakshmi Raghavan. Henceforth I shall be known as Rajalakshmi Raghavan, W/o Raghavan K K, resident at No. 717 A, Shruthi, 5th cross, Syed Block, Annasandra Palaya, PO Vimanapura, Bangalore - 560017. Karnataka for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **IC ARMY No. 40666F RANK: COLONEL, NAME: KAPALLI SUBBA RAJU,** resident of House No.-5, Senavihar, Kammanahalli, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore-560 043 do hereby declare that I want to change name of my spouse / dependant from **K TANUJA** to **KAPALLI TANUJA,** vide affidavit dated 22-09-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **Y.R. CHANDRASHEKAR** at Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS hereby given that the Date of Birth of my daughter Ruhi Dhiman has been incorrectly recorded as 29.06.2009 instead of the correct Date of Birth 29.07.2009 in the ICSE Certificate No. MC 1250028440. Affidavit No. IN-KA08648510501840X dated 04/08/2025 has been executed for correction. All concerned authorities and public may please note the correct Date of Birth. Name: Kamal Jeet, S/o Dhani Ram Bangalore – 560115

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE

Shareholders of Periyar Chemicals Limited are hereby required to submit copy of PAN / Passport OR Aadhaar to: "**pclmca2025@gmail.com**" OR **9846383709, 9744237703** OR **9847312019**

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE FAMILY COURT, THANJAVUR
HMOP. No.78/2025

S.Manoj Kumar
S/o. C.Subramaniyan
NO.I, 3A Street, Bank Staff Colony, Madhakkottai Road, Thanjavur now presently working as
No.153, Alpine Heights, Clondalkin, Dublin, Ireland Post Code-D22R273. ...**Petitioner**

-Vs-

M.Divya, W/o. Manoj Kumar, D/o. Pandiyan,
No.91/A, 4th Main, Near BEML Hospital, G.M.Palya, New Thippasandra, Bengaluru-560075. ...**Respondent**

The subject captioned case has been filed by the petitioner against the respondent for the relief of Divorce and the same posted for the respondent appearance on 03.10.2025 at 10.30am. So kindly show the presence in the said forum. Failing which further order will be pronounced against the respondent.

N.SELVARAJ, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bio-Rad Laboratories (India) Pvt Ltd
EMAAR Digital Greens, 9th Floor, Tower A, Sector-61, Golf course extension, Gurgaon-122102
E-mail: sales.india@bio-rad.com, Customer Care no.+91 124 4029300

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the recommendation of the 56th GST Council Meeting and the subsequent Notifications by Ministry of Finance, the revised Goods and Services Tax (GST) rates shall be applicable from 22nd September 2025. In compliance with these changes, Bio-Rad Laboratories (India) Pvt Ltd is committed to pass on the full benefits of the GST rate reduction to consumers.
Accordingly, we have reduced the Maximum Retail Price (MRP) inclusive of all taxes, which will be effective from 22 September 2025 and reduced-price lists have been issued to all authorised distributors, and concern Govt offices/Authorities including Legal metrology Dept. and to Drug Control department. Consumers will be billed at the updated prices, even if the product packaging reflects the older MRP.
All stakeholders are advised to ensure that billing, invoicing, and pricing systems are updated to reflect the benefit of reduced GST rates to avoid any non-compliance or penal consequences
This public notice is being issued in the interest of the general public, including but not limited to consumers, Customers, authorized distributors, agents, and any other stakeholders who may be directly or indirectly affected or concerned. All concerned parties are hereby advised to take note and act accordingly. This notice is issued to safeguard the rights and interests of all relevant parties and to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
For any queries or inquiry, you may please contact our authorized distributors in your region or may please contact us on following email sales.india@bio-rad.com or contact No. +91 124 4029300

For Bio-Rad Laboratories (India) Pvt Ltd.

Place: Gurgaon
Date: 22/09/2025
This notice is issued in aligns with directives issued by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), Legal Metrology Dept. and the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO).

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR LOST DOCUMENTS

The General Public is hereby informed that my client, **MR. RAMESH BABU NANDI** also known as RAMESH BABU N M , aged about 61 years, son of late N. Munivenkataswamy, presently at 233, 13th Cross, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru- 560038, has lost /misplaced the following original documents with respect to **Site No. 18, HAL III Stage, New Thippasandra, Bengaluru – 560075** and the same are not traceable till date.

1. Absolute Sale Deed dated 01.02.2001 executed by the Bangalore Development Authority in favour of Smt. G. Padmavathi, d/o late Gopalswamy Naidu, registered as Document No. 4407/2000-01, Book I, pages 9 to 11, volume 88 at the office of the BDA, Bangalore District;

2. Possession Certificate bearing PR No. 6:88-89 dated 26.10.1988 issued by the Bangalore Development Authority in the name of Smt. G. Padmavathi;

3. Allotment Letter bearing No. 18/HAL3/74-75 dated 28.01.1975 issued by the Bangalore Development Authority in the name of Smt. G. Padmavathi;

A Lost Article report has been filed with the Karnataka State Police on 18.09.2025 bearing Lost Report No. 1809820/2025.

Any person in possession of the above referred original documents may kindly hand them over to the undersigned.

Except Mr. Ramesh Babu Nandi also known as Ramesh Babu N M, no other person/s has/have any share, right, title, interest or ownership over the aforesaid immovable property. Any person or persons dealing with the aforesaid immovable property other than Mr. Ramesh Babu Nandi also known as Ramesh Babu N M shall be doing so at their own risk, cost and consequence.

Vivek Anand Anthony Britto
Vir Anthony Britto
Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038

Place: Bengaluru Date: 23.09.2025

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SPACE, HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT CENTRE (HSFC),
Construction & Maintenance Group (CMG), Opposite ISRO Guest House, Devanahalli, Karnataka-562164 Ph:080-29916308

E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, Online Item rate tenders are invited through e-tendering for the following works:

Sr. No.	Title of work and NIT no.	Estimated Cost put to tender	Period of Completion	Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	Bid clarifications	Due date and time of submission	Date of tender Opening	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)
01	Term Contract for miscellaneous civil works at HSFC (Marathahalli and Devanahalli), Bengaluru (Civil works) **HSFC/CMG/MM/C/155/2025-26, Dt: 22.09.2025**	₹20.00 Lakhs	12 Months	From 23.09.2025 (11.00 hrs) to 05.10.2025 (23.30 hrs)	From 23.09.2025 (11.30 hrs) to 06.10.2025 (10.30 hrs)	07.10.2025 up to 11.00 hrs	07.10.2025 up to 11.30 hrs	₹40,000/-

Tender documents can be downloaded from website **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** by registering with tender wizard and paying tender processing fee. The procedure for vendor registration is displayed in the above website. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) from website **www.isro.gov.in** For further details and Purchase of tender documents visit **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO.**

Sd/- Head CMD, CMG, HSFC

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
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Head Office : Bangalore

E-AUCTION Sale of Properties on 10.10.2025
Last date of EMD : 09.10.2025

ARM – I Branch, 2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.g. Road, Bangalore – 560001. Ph No. : 080 25310066. E-Mail – cb2366@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described imovable propeties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical/Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **ARM Branch-1,** Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **10.10.2025 at 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM,** through E-Auction under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
For details with regard to E-Auction & digital signature please contact the service provider **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited, Helpdesk Number : 8291220220, Website: https://baanknet.com/**
The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before **09.10.2025 5.00 pm.**

(Rs. in lacs)

Sl.No.	Name and address of the Borrower / Guarantor / Mortgagor	Description of the immovable assets	Total Dues Possession Type	a. Reserve Price b. EMD c. Incremental Bid	Inspection Date & Time
1.	**1.M/S Ambika Electronics** Ground Floor no 952 A sunder Mahal, 14th Cross Hoskerahalli,Girinagar,Banglore 560085. **2.Mr Ramesh Aithal S/o Sri K Venkattraman Aithal,** 85, Yukthi, Avalahalli,3rd Stage, Girinagar Banglore - 560055. **3.Mr K Shantharam Holla S/o Achuta Holla,** B 202, Ashwini Apartment,14 Ring Road, Banashankari, 2nd stage,Bangalore- 560070 **4. K V R Somayaji** 97,3rd Main,4th Phase, JP Nagar, Sarakki Dollar Colony, Bangalore-560078. **5.Smt K Veena W/O Mr K V R Somayaji** 97, 3rd main, 4Th Phase ,JP Nagar, Sarakki Dollar Colony, Bangalore -560078. **6.Mr Sri Sadananda Maiya S/o Late PYN Maiya,** 342/20,Shanthala,1st B main road, Jayanagar West ,Bangalore 560082.	Residential property Site No.14 Old Sy. No.59,PID No.55-142-14/2, Flats no A 201, `A` Block, Second Floor, Ashwini Apartments, 100 Feet Ring Road Near Devegowda Petrol Bunk BSK 2nd Stage ,BBMP Ward no 182,Bengalore 560070 standing in the name of **K V R Somayaji** and **Smt K Veena** Area **1337.30 Sq ft**. **Coordinates of the property Latitude- 12.9196309N Longitude- 77.5619212E**	**Rs. 49,82,25,385.50 As On 19.09.2025** plus further interest and cost thereon	a) ₹ 90.00 b) ₹ 9.00 c) ₹ 1.00	**08.10.2025 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM.** with Prior Appointment with The Authorized Officer
		Residential Site No 5, carved out of sy no 29/13 of Mayagananahalli Village, Kasaba hobli, Ramanagaram Taluk, V P Katha No 571-5-29/13, Measuring 8000 sft standing in the name of **Sri Ramesh Aithal and K Shantahrama Holla**. Area Sq Ft 8000 **Coordinates of the property Latitude- 12.8062193N Longitude- 77.3170495E**		a) ₹ 135.00 b) ₹ 13.50 c) ₹ 1.00	
		Hypothecation of Stocks		a) ₹ 42.00 b) ₹ 4.20 c) ₹ 1.00	

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/) portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No.08025310066, 948354416 and 9901642631 during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 22.09.2025

Sd/- Authorized Officer, Canara Bank

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POSSESSION NOTICE [For Immovable Property]

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank, Specialised ARM Branch** under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002), and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice Dated **20-03-2025** calling upon the **Borrower: M/s Ganapathi Plant Tech,** Sy No 436, Doddinduvadi Village, Palya Hobli Kollegala Taluk, Chamarajanagar District, Karnataka-571443 **Partner 1: Sri. Sumanth M.** S/o. A Muniraju, No 171/1, 4th Cross, Jaraganahalli, J P Nagar Post, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560078 **Partner 2: Sri. Vijay Kumar P** S/o Ponnuswamy, No 546, 3rd Cross, G V Gowda Nagar, Hanur, Chamarajanagar District, Karnataka - 571439 **Partner 3: Sri. Dharnendran G** S/o R Govindaraj, No. 3/468, Kolingkadu Thottam, Murugampalayam, Iduvampalayam Post Tirupur, Tamil Nadu - 641687 **Partner 4: Sri. Krishnan A R** S/o Ramaswamy, No 22, Brindavan Old Post, Office Road Sathyamanagala, Erode Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu - 638401 **Mortgagor 5: Smt. Radhamma M** D/o Late Munishamappa, No 63, 4th Cross, Jaraganahalli, JP Nagar Post, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560078 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, as on **28-05-2025 Rs. 38,52,876.68/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Six and Sixty Eight Paisa Only)** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated in terms of said notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **Date: 20-09-2025.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank, Specialised ARM Branch** for an amount of **Rs. 38,52,876.68/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy six and Sixty Eight Paisa Only)** as on **28.05.2025** and further interest, incidental expenses thereon.

Name of Title Holder : Smt Radhamma D/o Late Munishamappa

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the Residential property bearing corporation no 174/73/1A96-92 (old no 96) Jaraganahalli Village, Bangalore South Taluk, within the limits of the BBMP ward-186, Bangalore, **Measuring East to West 12.0 feet and North to South 24.0 feet with the boundary as shown below. Boundaries: East -** Muniyappa House, **West -** Previously Annayappa House Now Lalithamma House, **North -** Road, **South-** Ramaiah Reddy's House.

Date : 20-09-2025
Place : Mysuru

Sd/- Authorized Officer Canara Bank

Government of Karnataka
(PWD Division Raichur)
Executive Engineer
Public works department division Raichur
Telephone No. : 08532-225778
THESE WORKS ARE CATEGORY WISE CONTRACTORS

PWD/RDN/TS-4/TN/2025-26/2667 Date: 16-09-2025

Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Short Term Tender Notification -(KW- 1, 2 & 4)

1) Notification No & Date: PWD/RDN/TS-4/TN/2025-26/2667 Date:16-09-2025 **2) Name of work's:** Raichur District Total 21 work's Raichur, Deodurga Sindhanur taluk Different types of Buildings, Bridges & Road works. **3) Amount of works Min:** Rs. 677309.62 Max Rs.20158001.59 **4) EMD Amount:** Min Rs. 8500.00 Max Rs. 302400.00 **5) Period (including Manson)** Min 3 (Three) Month Max 11 (Eleven) Months **6) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tender:** 25/09/2025 16:00:00 **7) Date and Time for Opening of Tender:** 26/09/2025 16:30:00
Due to any reasons dates, retender any other changes will be notified in the KPPP Portal only No separate paper notification will be issued & For More details visit this website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PWD Division, RAICHUR.

DIP/RCR/417/KSMCA/418/2025-26

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BUILDING BLOCKS

GETTY IMAGES

How does glue work: the physics of what makes glue so sticky

We all know that like charges repel while unlike charges attract. However, for charge neutral molecules to attract each other, the Van der Waal force, secretly of the electromagnetic variety, is needed. It's named after the Dutch physicist Johannes Diderik van der Waals

Adhip Agarwala

The other day I received a letter from a friend. My love for letters is very old. These magical spacetime capsules bring in thoughts of a person written in a different location about a different period of time in their lives. And while reading that piece of paper, one can slowly be transmitted to that zone, as if by a time-machine – a becalming feeling very different from the disturbing ting-ting you get when you receive a one-line WhatsApp message on your phone.

An important part of the letter writing ritual, however, is to buy stamps of your choice and fix them on the envelope. Stamps are magical things in their own right. To affix one, you only need to moisten the blank side with a few drops of water (or, if no one's watching, your spit) and it's ready to stick.

Why is it so simple, though?

Forces of nature

Any two things stick to each other due to attractive forces between them. These forces can arise due to multiple reasons. For example, when you jump, you fall back to the earth. What brings you back? That's the gravitational force, one of the fundamental forces of nature. The heavier the object is, the stronger the force is.

How much force does the whole earth exert on any of us? That quantity is what we measure as our weight. A 60 kg of weight means about 600 newtons (N) of force. If you're worried about your weight, it's just the earth pulling you towards itself with that much more attractive force.

Another important force we see around us all the time is the electromagnetic force. It contains two types of forces that are interrelated: electric and magnetic. Electrical forces happen due to electric charges. We know electrons are negatively charged while protons are positively charged, and electrical forces arise between them. Similarly, magnetic forces occur between magnetic charges that we call north and south. Like charges repel while unlike charges attract.

When refrigerator magnets stick to the fridge door or electric forces from your battery drive a current in your fan, it's all due to electromagnetic forces.

There are two other fundamental forces, called the weak and strong forces, but they are only important at very, very small distances, like inside the nucleus of an atom. We don't experience them in our daily lives.

The question now is: which of these fundamental forces keeps the stamp stuck to the envelope?

World of glue

This question takes us inside the world of glue. What we call glue is really a chemical compound called polyvinyl-acetate (PVA). That name may not say much: it's really a material with long, chain-like molecules of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen. These molecules look like noodles and tend to stick to each other – and also to other surfaces.

Atoms are usually charge neutral because they each contain an equal number of positively charged protons and negatively charged electrons. Every molecule, which is made of multiple atoms, is then also charge neutral. We know that like charges repel and opposite charges attract. The puzzle here is to figure out how one charge neutral molecule can attract another charge neutral molecule.

The answer has to do with a beautiful piece of physics discovered in the early 1900s. Even though every molecule is charge-neutral overall, it can fluctuate such that one part of it can be slightly more negatively charged than another. And when such a molecule comes close to another charge-neutral molecule, it can slightly distort the distribution of charges in the second molecule.

Thus the molecule, which was until recently overall charge-neutral, now starts feeling attracted to another charge-neutral molecule – all because they have opposite charges at different parts of their bodies. This kind of force, while it's secretly of the electromagnetic variety, goes by the name Van der Waal force. It's named after the Dutch physicist Johannes Diderik van der Waals.

This brings us to the final piece of the puzzle: why do we need those few drops of water?

Swimming in water

Imagine you want to stick one piece of paper to another. You'll find the glue bottle and inside you'll see that it's a liquid. This is important.

It turns out that manufacturers mix the PVA molecules with water to prevent them from fully sticking to one another. This way, the PVA is swimming in a small pond of water.

Since these molecules attract each other due to fluctuating charges, they can stick to each other only if they're relatively close. But if there's enough water around them, these molecules will swim far apart and not feel each other's attraction.

On the other hand, when you take some glue and spread it around a surface, the water evaporates, bringing the PVA molecules closer to each other. Imagine there are a bunch of people in a swimming pool: you can make it more crowded by reducing the pool's size instead of adding more people. It's the same principle.

If you're quick enough, you can bring the two pieces of paper you need to stick together before the glue dries. This way, the PVA molecules will stick to both surfaces as well as to each other, sealing both pieces of paper together.

The glue will thus have done its job.

Quantum stamps

The same glue trick works on stamps as well – just that the back side of a stamp already has dried glue. A few drops of water just makes these molecules separate out and become more dilute, allowing you to place the stamp on the envelope. Then, the water molecules dry up again and allow the stamp to stick to the envelope.

In all this, you might have wondered: what causes the changes in the PVA molecules to fluctuate, leading to the Van der Waals forces? Understanding this requires us to learn a bit of quantum mechanics. If you're interested, you should consider taking a course in physics, for example here in IIT Kanpur, where some of us teach.

The next time you receive a courier or a letter from a friend, don't just thank the person bringing it to you. Also whisper a word of gratitude to the molecules hard at work behind the stamp, and which probably also kept it safely sealed all the way to your doorstep.

Adhip Agarwala is an assistant professor of physics in IIT Kanpur.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

On International Sign Language Day, let us look at this fascinating realm of natural languages complete with their own grammar and lexicon

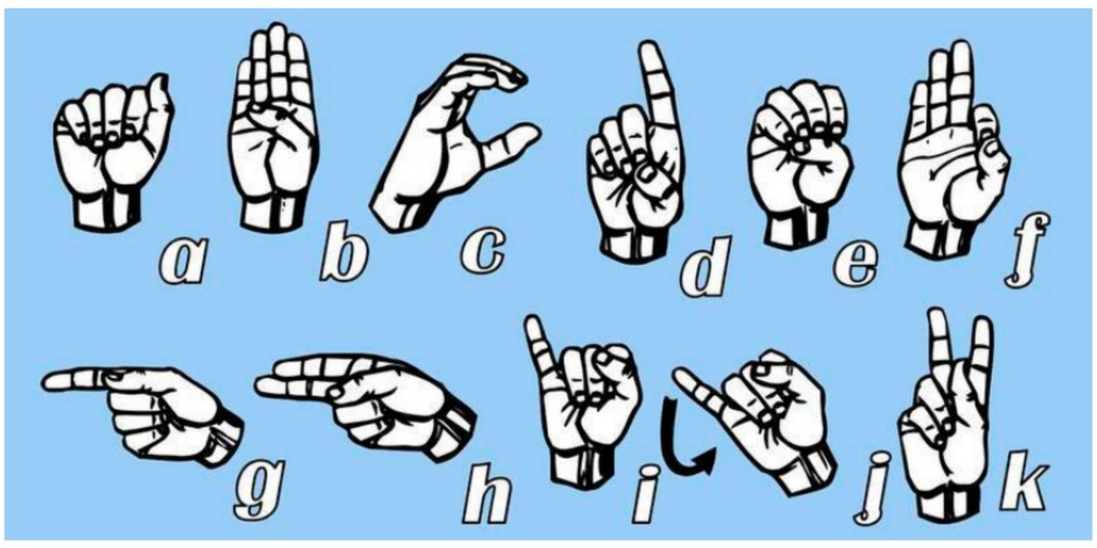
Prathmesh Kher

QUESTION 1
What are the five 'parameters' often used in linguistic descriptions of sign languages?

QUESTION 2
Which is the most-used sign language in the world, in terms of users, according to ethnologue?

QUESTION 3
In the context of sign languages, what does the term "classifier" refer to?

QUESTION 4
What is the primary purpose of fingerspelling in sign languages?



Visual question:
Identify which sign language is pictured here. PUBLIC DOMAIN

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Tokyo hosted the World Athletics Championship for the first time in this year. **Ans: 1991**
2. The only World Record to be set at the 20th edition of the event. **Ans: Mondo Duplantis' record in men's pole vault**
3. This nation came a distant second to the U.S. with 11 medals that included seven gold medals. **Ans: Kenya**
4. The name of the official mascot. **Ans: Riku One, inspired by the Shiba Inu breed of dog**
5. Of the 19 Indian athletes who took part, this athlete had the best showing in this event. **Ans: Sachin Yadav's fourth-place finish in men's javelin throw**
Visual: Name this athlete who claimed three gold medals at the championships. **Ans: The U.S.'s Melissa Jefferson-Wooden**
Early Birds: Tamal Biswas| Neil Lall| Piyali Tuli| Maneesh T| Dodo Jayaditya

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

Upendran

"You look tired. Studying hard?"

"I have been studying really hard. My final exams start on next Monday."

"Your final exams start next Monday. There aren't many days left. You'd better work hard."

"I know! I said 'on next Monday' and you said 'next Monday'. Which is correct?"

" 'Next Monday'. Whenever you use 'next', 'last', 'this', or 'any' before days of the week, you do not use 'on'. For example, I played cricket last Sunday. You do not say, I played cricket on last Sunday."

"I hope to play tennis on Thursday. I hope to play tennis this Thursday. Are both sentences correct?"

"Both are correct. Here's another example. We plan to be in Bombay next Tuesday."

"Does the same rule apply to months and years too?"

"Yes, it does. For example, Let's meet in April. Let's meet next April. Here you drop the preposition 'in'."

"I visited the U.S. last December. I visited the U.S. in December, 1997."

"Mohan graduated in 1976. Geetha graduated last year."

"I hope to graduate this year."

"Good luck! Are you prepared for your Physics exam?"

"I am never ready for that one. I always study really hard for the Physics exam. Even though I never do well."

"Not 'even though', but 'even so'."

"What's the difference between the two?"

" 'Even though' has the same meaning as 'although' and 'though'. For example, even though I study really hard for my Physics tests, I never do well."

"Even though Ram failed the exam, he still remains cheerful."

"Even though Shyam is plump, he runs fast."

"But he cannot outrun me! Now tell me, what does 'even so' mean?"

"It means 'however'. For example, I study really hard for my Physics tests. Even so, I never do well in them."

"Vinod Kambli has been in excellent form this season. Even so, the selectors didn't pick him for the first test against Australia."

"My cousin lost a lot of money in a recent business venture. Even so, he remains very optimistic."

"My cousin runs two miles every day. Even so, he hasn't lost any weight."

"He runs in this weather?"

"Yes. He goes to the beach every day. Would you like to join him?"

"No way! I am afraid sea air doesn't agree with me. You...."

"....sea air doesn't agree with you?"

"....if something doesn't agree with you, it makes you feel ill or unwell. For example, this hot weather doesn't agree with me. I feel tired all the time."

"Can I say, Chinese food doesn't agree with me?"

"You certainly can. In this case, what you mean is that eating Chinese food upsets your stomach. Here's another example. I love onion bhajis. But of late, they don't agree with me."

Published in The Hindu on March 10, 1998.

Word of the day

Expostulation:
the act of expressing earnest opposition or protest

Synonyms: objection, remonstration

Usage: *Despite the expostulations of her friends, she decided to start a business.*

Pronunciation:
newsth.live/expostulationpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ɛksˈpɒstjʊleɪt/

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Encroachment cleared for suburban railway project at Yelahanka

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Officials cleared ₹40 crore worth land encroachment on railway land adjacent to Survey No. 2 of Peenya Plantation village, Yelahanka taluk.

The land has been earmarked for the construction of Corridor-2 of the Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project (BSRP). During a joint site inspection, the Assistant Directors of Land Records for Bengaluru North Taluk and Yelahanka Taluk confirmed that nearly 500 m of railway road land, falling within 20 guntas between Makala Channenahalli and Peenya Plantation villages, had been encroached upon.

"The affected stretch, measuring about 2,000 sq. m, is estimated to be worth around ₹40 crore," an official said. The eviction drive was carried out through the Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner's office along with KRIDE officials on 20 September.

"The operation was supervised by the Special Deputy Commissioner of K-RIDE, Tahsildars of K-RIDE, Yelahanka, and Bengaluru North Taluks, officials from the Land Records Department, the General Manager of Corridor-2, along with officers from the Railway Department and the Jalahalli Police," official said.

"Representatives of Bagmane Developers were also present. They were briefed about the encroachment, and the land was subsequently cleared," the official added.

Following the clearance, boundary stones were installed by K-RIDE and Railway officials, and the land was formally handed over to K-RIDE to begin construction of the corridor.

"This clearance was a crucial step to ensure unhindered progress of the suburban rail project. Corridor-2 will provide vital connectivity, and protecting railway land from encroachment is essential for timely completion," a senior K-RIDE official said.

Walk of the jumbos: Royal elephants on their way to Kodi Someshwara temple as part of the Navaratri celebrations by the Wadiyars in Mysuru on Monday. M.A. SRIRAM

Gripping action: Wrestlers in action after the inauguration of Dasara wrestling competition in Mysuru on Monday. M.A. SRIRAM

Banu Mushtaq calls for harmony, inclusivity at Dasara inauguration

Dasara is a symbol of 'collective culture' and 'an amalgamation of various voices and the fragrance of unity in diversity', says the Kannada writer and International Booker Prize Winner

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Kannada writer and International Booker Prize Winner Banu Mushtaq inaugurated Dasara 2025 atop Chamundi Hills in Mysuru on Monday, with a call for promoting harmony and inclusivity, describing the 'Nada Habba' as a symbol of "our collective culture."

Speaking after lighting the traditional lamp and showering flower petals on the idol of Chamundeshwari in a specially erected stage near the Chamundeshwari temple, Ms. Mushtaq prayed that "mother Chamundi, an embodiment of truth, courage and protection, would guide our lives and destroy hatred and intolerance amongst us."

Ms. Mushtaq's choice for inaugurating Dasara festival had not only been opposed by the BJP, but also questioned in High Court and Supreme Court. Both the High Court and Supreme Court had dismissed the petitions questioning the State government's decision to invite Ms. Mushtaq, paving the way for her to do the honours atop Chamundi Hills.

Writer Banu Mushtaq lighting the traditional lamp, marking the inauguration of Dasara festival in Mysuru on Monday. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah are seen on the occasion. M.A. SRIRAM

Earlier, she visited the Chamundeshwari temple and offered prayers to the Goddess, along with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. In honour of the traditional weave of the city, the author was seen draped in a mustard yellow and bottle green Mysore Silk saree.

Describing the occasion of inaugurating the Dasara as the "greatest honour" of her life, Ms. Mushtaq said Dasara was not merely a festival, but a "fair of harmony" among the people. Dasara was a symbol of "collective culture" and "an amalgamation of various voices and the fragrance of unity in diversity", she said while emphasising the need to respect the values of democracy and honouring each other's faiths and cultures.

"We are all travellers under the same sky. The sky never discriminates anyone. The earth never pushes anyone away. Only man draws boundaries. We must erase those boundaries ourselves," she said. She said the Urdu-speaking people of Mysuru too have been participating in the Dasara celebrations with their own symbolic name for the festivities. "Nobody is an outsider. This a cultural festival that everyone celebrates together," she said.

Lessons from history

Recalling that one of her uncles, who hailed from Belagola near Mysuru, had served as a royal guard to the former Maharaja of Mysore Sri Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar, Ms. Musthaq said it was a matter of pride to her that the erstwhile ruler had reposed his trust in Muslims and appointed them as his sepoys and royal guards.

"Looking back at history, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar will always remain relevant. He was a king with a generous heart, known for sharing. He was a monarch of political, economic and social justice. He valued broad-mindedness over division. His message was that wealth grows only when shared and strength lasts long only when shared," she said.

Ms. Mushtaq also read out her poem 'Bagina', about the delight a Muslim woman feels when she receives a bagina (a traditional gift) from a farmer, which also conveys the message of inclusivity.

Speaking of her relationship with the Hindu religion and in a veiled response to those who had contested her participation in the Dasara festivities, she said,

Don't do politics over 'Nada Habba', says CM

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah cautioned political opponents against indulging in petty politics over the 'Nada Habba' (State festival), which got off to a traditional start atop Chamundi Hills in Mysuru on Monday.

Speaking after offering prayers to Goddess Chamundeshwari and inaugurating Mysuru Dasara 2025, Mr. Siddaramaiah said, "Ghoda hai, maidan hai – let's do politics in elections. But let's not indulge in dirty politics with regard to Nada Habba."

The Chief Minister defended the decision to have International Booker Prize winner and writer Banu Mushtaq inaugurate this year's festivities. "Those who opposed her have neither knowledge of Dasara nor of our cultural heritage. Twisting history and indulging in selfish politics is unpardonable. If you want to do politics, do it during elections, not during our cultural festival," he remarked. He said a large section of our society had welcomed Ms. Mushtaq inaugurating the festivities and that it is a matter of pride for Karnataka.

On World Car-Free Day, commuters demand increasing bus fleet

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bus commuters, civil society members and volunteers marked World Car-Free Day in Bengaluru on Monday by calling for urgent investment in the city's public transport, especially buses.

Under the banner of the nationwide 'Double the Bus' campaign, gatherings were organised at Jal Vayu Vihar (Kammanahalli) and Agara (HSR) bus stops, where participants held placards, interacted with citizens and pressed policymakers to prioritise buses as the backbone of urban mobility.

Citizen-led campaign

The citizen-led campaign, which ran across Saturday, Sunday and Monday, was simultaneously held in multiple cities including Chennai, Mumbai, Nagpur, Pune and Kochi, according to volunteers. In Bengaluru, around a hundred commuters took part across key arterial bus routes, reinforcing the demand for doubling the number of buses to ensure equitable, reliable and sustainable transport.

According to campaign organisers, 81% of the city's mass commuters rely on BMTC buses, with an average daily ridership of over 42 lakh.

"Despite this dependence, commuters routinely face overcrowding, delays and long waits due to inadequate fleet size," said Sachin Pandith, volunteer, HSR Community Task Force.

'Daily struggle'

"Buses are the lifeline of Bengaluru, but passengers struggle every day with cramped travel and unpredictable schedules. Doubling the number of buses will not only make journeys safer and more affordable but also help reduce congestion and pollution in the city," he added.

Campaigners stressed that strengthening bus fleets is critical to achieving the goals of sustainable mobility, especially as the city grapples with rising private vehicle numbers and worsening traffic congestion.

They urged the state government and BMTC to increase budgetary allocations for public transport, modernise fleets and adopt policies that put buses at the centre of urban planning.

Woman killed in road accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 38-year-old woman was killed and her colleague was injured when a speeding truck knocked down the scooter they were riding near Krishnanandanagar Junction in the Rajajinagar traffic police station limits on Monday morning.

The deceased has been identified as Kalpana, a resident of Mahalakshmi Layout, who was employed in a private company in Peenya 2nd Stage. Her husband works as a graphic designer in a Kannada newspaper.

According to the police, the incident occurred at around 9.30 a.m., when Kalpana, along with her colleague, was heading to their office. A speeding truck knocked down the scooter causing Kalpana to fall on the left side. She was crushed under the wheels of the truck. Her colleague riding the bike fell on the safe side and escaped with injuries.

BBMP's e-Khata wins National Award 2025

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) e-Khata initiative has been conferred with the National eGovernance Award 2025 at the 28th National eGovernance Awards held in Visakhapatnam on Monday.

Recognised for its transformative impact on digitising property records, enhancing transparency, and improving citizen service delivery, the e-Khata project was conceptualised under the leadership of D.K. Shivakumar, Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru in charge Minister.

Presented to

The award was presented by Jitendra Singh, Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office, to key officials including Tushar Giri Nath, Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department, Munish Moudgil, Special Commissioner, GBA, Lakshmidevi, Joint Commissioner, Revenue, Suresh Babu, Senior Technical Director, NIC, and the e-Khata team of GBA.

Timings
BENGALURU

TUESDAY, SEP. 23		
RISE	06:09	SET 18:15
RISE	07:08	SET 19:09
WEDNESDAY, SEP. 24		
RISE	06:09	SET 18:14
RISE	07:54	SET 19:46
THURSDAY, SEP. 25		
RISE	06:09	SET 18:13
RISE	08:42	SET 20:24

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	30	24
Mysuru	30	20
Bengaluru	28	21

Bengaluru Today
28°C The weather will be comfortable. Night will be pleasant. Few spells of light to moderate rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
29°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm. Spell of light to moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

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Our client intends to purchase the "Schedule Property" herein from M/s. Basil Hotels Pvt., Ltd., having office at No.9, Railway Parallel Road, Kumar Park East, Bengaluru - 560 001. Any person having right, title, interest, claim, objections or whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property may file their objections with documentary proof to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections are received within the said period, our client will proceed to complete the proposed Sale transaction presuming that above mentioned person is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property and that there are no other Claimants.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of commercial property bearing No.612, Division No.68, 80 feet Road, 4th Block, Koramangala Layout, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 15.20 Meters, and North to South 25.50 Meters totally measuring 387.60 Metres and bounded on the:

East by: Site No.613; West by: Site No.611; North by: Road; and South by: Site No.595

Sanjay H. Sethiya, Advocate
Law Square, Advocates & Solicitors,
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Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560 009.
Ph. : 080 4171 1481, info@lawsquare.in
Bengaluru, Date : 22.09.2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our client **Smt.Priya S W/o Sri.Arun R** is intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mr.Ganesan S/o Sri. Swamynathan G** ; any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property built on Site bearing **No.4,** House List Katha No.138/3, e-PID No.7727612857 formed out of Property No.129/1, situated at **2nd Cross, Papaiah Layout, Horamavu village, K.R.puram Hobli, Bangalore** East Taluk, BBMP Ward No.25-Horamavu, measuring East to West **30 Feet,** North to South **40 Feet,** in all total measuring **1200 Square Feet,** and bounded on the:

East by : House Site No.3, West by : House Site No.5, North by : House Site No.57, South by : Road.

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KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KNNL, HBC Division, Athani - 591304. Taluk: Athani, Dist: Belagam.

No:KNNL/HBC/PB/Tender Corrigendum/2025-26/2013 Date: 20-09-2025

TENDER CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal Only)

Name of Work : 1) Supplying Equipments Dismentaling and re-erection including Labour Charges of Pump No-3 and 5 of Karimasuti LIS 1st Stage (I.No. 3195)
Reference : This office Tender Notification No. (1) No. 1816, Dated: 06-09-2025.

In continuation of above Tender Notification published vide reference above, due to some technical problems the calendar of events are postponed, and now the calender of events are fixed as below.

1) The Contractor can request for e-Tendering Documents **from 23-09-2025 at 10.30 AM to 03-10-2025 upto 4.00 PM. 2)** Last Date and Time for Tender Queries: **30-09-2025 upto 4.00 PM. 3)** Last Date for Submission of Completed Tenders: **from 23-09-2025 at 10.30 AM to 03-10-2025 upto 4.00 PM. 4)** Opening of Technical Bid at EE, KNNL HBC Division, Athani **on 06-10-2025 at 11.00 AM. 5)** Opening of Financial Bid EE, KNNL HBC Division, Athani **on 08-10-2025 at 11.00 AM or After Approval of Technical Bid.** All Other conditions Stipulated remains unchanged.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KNNL, HBC Division, Athani.

DIPR/Belagavi/1072/Adverto/2025-26

THE HINDU IN SCHOOL PRESENTS SCHOOL BUZZ
A Newspaper exclusively curated for School Students

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY CELEBRATED

Gangothri International Public School celebrated their Annual Sports Day with great enthusiasm at the BGS Stadium, Vijayanagar, where the playground radiated a festive atmosphere. The event began with a welcome speech by Ms. Sathyabhama C. L., followed by a grand march past and display by Grade 6 students. Principal Ms. Shubhada Maruti Warake inaugurated the event, supported by Vice Principal Ms. Aparna Udayaravi. Exciting track and field events saw active participation, organised by PE teachers Mr. Abhishek R, Mr. Harsha and Ms. Chaitra Gowda. Special guest Vivek Girigowda felicitated winners, adding motivation to an inclusive and memorable celebration.

SYMPOSIUM (MUN) 2025

North Hills International School hosted their maiden Model United Nations (MUN), transforming students into global delegates to debate and deliberate on pressing issues. The event began with an inaugural ceremony attended by the Management Committee and Principal, with Academic Director and Trustee Mrs. Manjiri Joshi inspiring participants through her keynote address. Committees such as the UNSC and UNHRC witnessed passionate discussions, alliance-building and resolution drafting. Awards for Best Delegate, High Commendation and Special Mention recognised outstanding contributions. The symposium showcased diplomacy, critical thinking and leadership, leaving participants confident, informed and inspired as responsible global citizens.

PROUD ACHIEVEMENT

St. Joseph's Pre-University College, Museum Road, Bangalore secured an impressive victory at the District Level Karate Tournament organised by the Pre-University Education Board at Vidya Mandir PU College. Competing against around 40 colleges, the team won two gold medals, one silver and two bronze medals, bringing pride to the institution. The achievement was supported by Sports Director Mr. Sandesh, Campus Animator Fr. Ashwin Cordeiro SJ, Director Fr. Joy Rodrigues SJ, Principal Ms. Nirmala Raghunandan and Sports Assistant Mr. Venkataramappa, who congratulated the winners Tejas, Melville, Jeevith, Pavan and Gagan Charan.

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Arrested

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The CCB sleuths arrested six persons for allegedly bringing drugs from Mumbai and selling them to customers in and around city.

The recovered 111.83 grams of MDMA worth ₹22.3 lakh and 21.03 grams of cocaine worth ₹1.9 lakh.

Indian Overseas Bank
Information Technology Department
Central Office: 763, ANNA SALAI, CHENNAI-600002

Indian Overseas bank (IOB) invites bids for the following:

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) - PROCUREMENT OF END-TO-END AUTOMATION OF RBI TRANCHE 1 DATA POINTS

EOI REFERENCE NUMBER: EOI/IOB/002/2025-26 DATED 17.09.2025

The Above RFP tender document is available and can be downloaded from the following websites **www.iob.in & https://iobtenders.auctiontiger.net** For Tender details and future amendments, if any, keep referring to the following website **https://iobtenders.auctiontiger.net**

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With glitches aplenty, only 2,765 households enumerated on day one

There were complaints of delayed distribution of kits and in some places teachers refused to take part in the survey

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amid complaints of technical glitches and delayed distribution of kits to enumerators, and in some places teachers' refusal to participate in the survey work, the second Social and Educational Survey being conducted by the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes got off to a slow start on Monday.

Many enumerators could not start their work owing to glitches on their phones, while some others could only cover a few households. Just about 2,765 households of the about 2 lakh in the State and 10,642 persons were surveyed on the first day.

Highest, lowest

The survey data provided by the commission showed that Haveri with 680 households had the highest followed by Chitradurga at 420 households. In Bengaluru Urban, Mysuru, and Tumakuru districts only one household each had been covered, while in Vijayanagara, Kolar, and Dakshina Kannada just two households were covered each.

"The OTP is important for logging in and entering details on the mobile application. However, owing to a technical glitch, the OTP was not generated properly. Following this, the software was updated twice in the afternoon, I could not enumerate even a single household on Monday," said an enumerator at Ramanagara in Bengaluru South district.

In Dharwad district, the mobile application failed to open owing to the heavy load, and enumerators found it difficult to upload any data initially. In a few villages in Kundgol taluk, the enumerators called it a day after waiting till 2 p.m.

According to the commission's member secretary K.A. Dayanand, glitches on day one of the launch were to be expected. "Even enumerators have to familiarise themselves with the area. We also do not expect big numbers on the first day as certain preparations need to be done. The survey work will pick up pace," he said.

Teachers unhappy

Teachers who have been roped in for the work also showed reluctance in some districts. The high school teachers, who have been appointed as supervisors, expressed their ire at the orders coming on Sunday.

At Hungund in Bagalkot district, some teachers refused to join the survey, claiming that they had other academic responsibilities.

High school teachers in Bengaluru South and Mandya expressed their anger against the officials who sent the order on Sunday.

Complaints came from enumerators over the delayed distribution of kits in several districts. In Kodagu, Shivamogga, Bengaluru South, and other places, kit distribution commenced on Monday.

'Will be addressed'

However, commission chairperson Madhusudan R. Naik told *The Hindu* that there had been no major complaints about the survey work. "The technical issues will be addressed by the e-governance department," he said.

(With inputs from Bengaluru, Shivamogga, Belagavi, Hubballi, and Kalaburagi).

Districts where over 100 households were enumerated on first day

District	Households	Population
Haveri	680	2,662
Chitradurga	420	1,579
Gadag	376	1,451
Bagalkot	219	893
Belagavi	197	766
Davangere	191	748
Mandya	172	637
Uttara Kannada	125	484

An enumerator taking down details of a family as part of the Social and Educational Survey in Belagavi on Monday. P.K. BADIGER

SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL SURVEY

Reluctance over length of questionnaire

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In Kalaburagi city, there was reluctance to answer the lengthy questionnaire in some pockets. Enumerators, requesting anonymity, said that people were not answering questions relating to religion and caste.

In some areas, residents spoke to the enumerators with the help of their ward councillors. As many as 60 questions are to be answered.

Commission's member secretary K.A. Dayanand said that giving information is voluntary and no one can forced.

New GST rates trigger tussle between BJP and Congress

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The start of the new GST regime with reduced rates witnessed a political tussle in Karnataka with the BJP challenging the Congress government to reduce its taxes to respond to the Centre's gesture, while the Congress accused the Centre of looting people in the last eight years through high GST rates and being responsible for the closure of many MSMES.

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok, who distributed sweets among people in the market area of Mandya on Monday to mark the new GST regime, accused the Congress government of increasing tax on 25 goods and services in the last two years.

Claiming that the government did not have money to fund its guarantee schemes that required over ₹60,000 crore, Mr. Ashok alleged that taxes on goods and services had been steeply raised by the Congress government to fund the guarantee schemes. The poor and the middle class people in Karnataka are facing the burden of taxes owing to the Congress government's action of indiscriminately increasing taxes, he alleged, and urged the government to reduce the taxes at least now.

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>
> **PRIYANK KHARGE,** RDPR and IT/BT Minister

The BJP leaders and workers took up a similar exercise in different parts of the State.

Launching a counter-attack, RDPR and IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge argued that it was "insensitive" to take credit for reducing GST rates as they had been increased by the BJP government itself.

"You have pushed people into a well and now provided a ladder for them to come up. But instead of admitting that you pushed them into the well, you are claiming credit for providing them with a ladder," he told the BJP.

Expressing concerns that the economy had taken a hit and many MSMEs had closed down in the last eight years, Mr. Kharge argued that Prime Minister Narendra Modi should take responsibility for it too.

He said the Centre had kept quiet though Congress leader Rahul Gandhi had been demanding that the GST rates should be reduced. "But finally the Centre has reduced the GST rates now being scared of people's anguish. But they are shamelessly taking credit for reducing the taxes that have actually been increased by themselves," he said.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
GREATER CHENNAI POLICE
TENDER NOTICE
Rc.No.SII(2)/40177/107/2025, Date:22.09.2025
e-tenders are invited for the supply of following Two Cover System

Request for purchase of ANPR camera across 45 locations with 4 cameras for each locations. Ennore High road, Thiruvottiyur – Ponneri – Pachetty Road, Kamarajar Promenade, Varuna Salai junction, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission Road, Wall Tax Road, Madhavaram High Road, Paper Mills Road, Manali High Road and other Streets,	EMD Amount: INR.9,16,000/-
Tender publishing date and time	: 23.09.2025 at 10.00 hrs.,
Tender last date and time of submission	: 08.10.2025 up to 14.00 hrs.,
Bid document will be available in website	: https://tntenders.gov.in
Tender opening date and time	: 08.10.2025 at 15.00 hrs.,

DIPR/5277/TENDER/2025
Deputy Commissioner of Police, Administration, Greater Chennai Police, (Tender Inviting Authority)

High Court to hear arguments today on plea to stay survey

The Hindu Bureau
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The High Court of Karnataka has said that it will hear on Tuesday arguments on whether there is a need to stay the Social and Educational Survey being conducted by the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes.

When petitions questioning the legality of the survey came up for hearing on Monday, a Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C.M. Joshi initially indicated that it would take up the petitions for hearing when the court resumes after Dasara vacations.

However, advocates appearing for the petitioners pointed out they have not only challenged the power of the State government or the commission to conduct such an exercise but have questioned the very right of the State authorities in collection of data as the survey proposes to geo-tag residents linking it with their Aadhaar, in violation of their right to privacy and contrary to provisions of the Aadhaar (Targetted deliver of financial and other subsidies, benefits and services) Act, 2016.

Senior advocate Prabhuling K. Navadgi, appearing for some of the petitioners, pointed out to the court that the process of data collection would be completed by October 6, before courts reopen after the Dasara vacation.

Following this, the Bench asked the government advocate whether the government could defer the collection of data till the petitions are adjudicated after Dasara vacation for the courts.

Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for the State government, said that the present exercise is only to update the data collected, which was not stayed by the court in earlier petitions, and data collection can be reversed if the court finally sets aside the survey.

Questioning how the data collection can be reversed, the Bench said that it will hear arguments on the plea for staying the process of collection of data in the afternoon session.

Exercise to take at least a week to begin in Bengaluru

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BENGALURU

It will be at least a week before the Social and Educational Survey begins in Bengaluru's civic limits, sources said. The survey began in other parts of the State on Monday and is scheduled to be completed by October 7.

"Teachers are conducting the survey in other districts. But there are not enough government school teachers to carry out the survey in Bengaluru, with an estimated population of 1.4 crore. So we have roped in a total of 26,000 personnel from multiple departments and their training is ongoing and will take time," a senior official said.

Sources said that meter readers from Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom), Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), and from several other departments have been roped in and are being trained now.

The Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes is working towards a December deadline to conclude the survey and submit its report, giving ample time for the survey to be conducted in the GBA area, sources said.

Karnataka Institute of Endocrinology & Research, Bengaluru
(An Autonomous Regd. Institute of Govt. of Karnataka)
Old Madras Road, Indiranagar, Bengaluru -560038. Ph: +91-80-25283013, +91-80-24492900
No.: KIER/ADMIN/AOBME/2025-26 Date: 22.09.2025
NOTIFICATION
The Director, Karnataka Institute of Endocrinology & Research, Indiranagar, Bangalore hereby invites applications for the post of Bio-Medical Engineer on contractual Basis & consolidated Salary. The interested eligible candidates are informed to submit the applications to KIER office during working hours in the prescribed form along with the photocopies of relevant documents on or before 30.09.2025, 4 pm. Short listed candidates will be intimated for interview.
Applications can be downloaded from our Website: **www.kierbengaluru.karnataka.gov.in**

Sl. No.	Post	Qualification	Experience	Age Limit	Salary Rs. Per Month
1.	Biomedical Engineer	BE-Biomedical Engineering	Minimum 4 years-Experience in Govt. Hospital	Below 35 years	Consolidated Rs. 48,900/- Month

DIPR/CP/JA/2929/2025-26 Sd/- The Director, KIER, Bengaluru.

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No. RO KA-32.0011.0/24/2025-CON-RO KA
Date: 19.09.2025
ई–निविदा सूचना / e-Tender Notice
जेम पोर्टल के माध्यम से **"दो बोली प्रणाली"** के तहत, नियमित **1)** एफएसडी/आरएच/जीएस मैसूर में हैंडलिंग और परिवहन, **2)** पीडब्ल्यूएस बेलगावी और आरएच/जीएस चिक्कोडी रोड में हैंडलिंग और परिवहन, दो वर्षों के लिए ऑनलाइन निविदाएँ आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। बोली **13.10.2025 को दोपहर 2:00** बजे तक ऑनलाइन जमा की जानी चाहिए।
जेम पोर्टल के माध्यम से "दो बोली प्रणाली" के तहत, नियमित **1)** हैंडलिंग और परिवहन अनुबंध, PWS बेलगावी (कुट्टलवाड़ी) और RH/GS साम्ब्रे दो वर्षों के लिए ऑनलाइन निविदाएँ आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। बोली **30.09.2025 को दोपहर 2:00 बजे** तक ऑनलाइन जमा की जानी चाहिए।
एनआईटी और निविदा प्रपत्र **"www.fci.gov.in"** और **"https://gem.gov.in"** पर उपलब्ध हैं। पंजीकरण, प्रशिक्षण और बोलियों को ऑनलाइन प्रस्तुत करने के लिए, निविदाकारों को "**https://gem.gov.in**" पर देखने का अनुरोध किया जाता है।
Online Tenders are invited under **"Two Bid System"** through GeM Portal for two years at Regular **1)**Handling and Transport Contract at FSD/RH/GS Mysuru, **2)** Handling and Transport Contract at PWS Belagavi & RH/GS Chikodi Road. Bid should be submitted online within **2.00 PM on 13.10.2025.**
Online Tenders are invited under "Two Bid System" through GeM Portal for two years at Regular **1)** Handling and Transport Contract at PWS Belagavi (Kuttalwadi) & RH/GS Sambre.Bid should be submitted online within **2.00 PM on 30.09.2025.**
NIT and tender forms are available in **"www.fci.gov.in" & "https://gem.gov.in"**.For registration, training and submitting bids online, tenderers are requested to visit **https://gem.gov.in.**
महाप्रबंधक (कर्नाटक)
GENERAL MANAGER (Karnataka)

Technical glitches hit HC's online proceedings

The Hindu Bureau
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Advocates and litigants could not join proceedings of the High Court of Karnataka through the online mode using Vconsol, owing to technical glitches in the updates of the app released on Saturday.

The application faced severe glitches in all three versions, desktop, Android and IOS apps, as the registered users, advocates, litigants, and government officers were unable to login to the application.

While the desktop version of the application was rectified before the afternoon, the issue in the mobile versions was addressed by evening.

The High Court's administration had adopted Vconsol application from this February in place of Zoom, which was being used since COVID-19.

Govt. announces ₹1,000-crore programme to drive innovation, entrepreneurial growth

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Department of Electronics, IT and BT on Monday unveiled a ₹1,000-crore Local Economy Accelerator Programme (LEAP) to drive innovation across the State.

The programme is designed to catalyse innovation, create 5 lakh jobs, and build robust start-up ecosystems and also to build equitable economic growth across the State, beyond Bengaluru, said Priyank Kharge, Minister for Electronics, IT & BT, and Rural Development & Panchayat Raj.

According to the Minister, LEAP is conceived as the primary engine to unlock the untapped potential in clusters like Mysuru-Chamarajanagar, Mangaluru-Udupi, Hubballi-Belagavi-Dharwad, Tumakuru, Kalaburagi, and Shivamogga, aimed at transforming them into self-sustaining and globally competitive innovation hubs.

> LEAP is our commitment to ensuring that the fruits of innovation are shared across Karnataka. While Bengaluru is a global powerhouse, the State's true potential will be unlocked when we empower entrepreneurs in Mysuru, Hubballi, and Kalaburagi
>
> **PRIYANK KHARGE,** Minister for Electronics, IT & BT, and Rural Development & Panchayat Raj

"LEAP is our commitment to ensuring that the fruits of innovation are shared across Karnataka. While Bengaluru is a global powerhouse, the State's true potential will be unlocked when we empower entrepreneurs in Mysuru, Hubballi, and Kalaburagi," Mr. Kharge said, calling it "an investment in a balanced, equitable, and resilient economic future."

Ekroop Caur, Secretary, Department of Electronics, IT, BT, and S&T, said the LEAP initiative was a meticulously designed framework that provided end-to-end support for innovators across the State.

LEAP is structured around 16 strategic sub-programmes including Karnataka Startup Foundry (to foster an entrepreneurial mindset from the ground up), Creation of Fund of Funds (to establish a self-sustaining venture capital ecosystem), among others.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The General Public is hereby notified that Sri.M.V.Bharath Vikram, aged about 35 years, S/o Sri.A.M.Venkatesan, residing at No.8, Modaliar Compund, 1st Cross, Azad Nagar, Gopalan Mall, Chamarajpet, Bangalore is the owner of the Schedule Property described infra.
It is represented that the following original Sale Deed/s are lost /misplaced:
a. Sale deed dated 04.12.1967 executed by Smt.N.Subramanyam in favour of Sri. H.T. Ramaiah and registered as doc no. 2307/1967-68.
b. Sale deed dated 08.09.1971 executed by Sri. H.T.Ramaiah in favour of Sri. N.Subramanyam and registered as doc no. 2181/71-72, Book –I, Volume-894 pages-171 to 172 and at the office of Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore
c. Sale deed dated 08.11.1971 executed by Sri. Samistri Mal in favour of N.Subramanyam and registered as doc no. 3321/71-72, Book-I, Volume-904, Pages-138 to 140 at the office of Sub-Registrar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore
In this connection, an E- complaint bearing lost report no.1812871 has been lodged on 20.09.2025 at Police Unit : Bangalore City.
The finder of the documents are requested to surrender the Sale deeds to the undersigned within 10 days from this day, failing which, it shall be deemed that the original Sale deeds are irretrievably lost and certified copy of the same shall be obtained from the office of Sub-Registrar of Assurances in lieu of lost originals for the purpose of records.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of site bearing no. 189/8 measuring East to West : 37 ft., and North to South : 34+38/2 and western portion of site bearing no. 52/B, Katha no.118/147 measuring East to West: 12+10/2 ft., and North to South: 31 ft., totally measuring 1673 Sq.ft., composite New municipal no.8, situated at Mudaliar Compound, Azad Nagar, Chamarajpet, in BBMP Ward no.140, Bangalore and bounded as follows: On the **East by:** Private property; **West by:** Private property; **North by:** Private Property; **South by:** Road.
ASHWINI, Advocate, Pallavi & Associates, Nos. 11, " Kempu Honnu", Rathna Villas Road, Basavanagudi Bangalore-560 004.
Bangalore Date : 21.09.2025

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

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Fourteenth Death Anniversary on 23.09.2025

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OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

T T AMIRTHALINGAM (99), Retired from Despatch Department, The Hindu Chennai passed away on 22 - September - 2025. Address: 9/6, Hoppman First Street, Alandur, Chennai- 600016 Contact: 99436 96019

'Delay fee': HC quashes RERA-K circular

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Real Estate Regulator Authority-Karnataka (RERA-K) will have to refund lakhs of rupees collected as 'delay fee' from promoters and developers of various real estate projects as the High Court of Karnataka has quashed the circular issued by the RERA-K imposing it for belated submission of quarterly updates and annual audit statements on RERA approved projects.

"...the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, and the Rules have not clothed the authority with the power to levy or recover fees beyond those expressly authorised. In the absence of such express conferment, no circular, however well intentioned, can conjure into existence a financial liability against the promoters. This principle is neither novel nor chartered," the court observed.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while allowing over 75 petitions filed by Sharada Achar and several other land owners, builders, real estate developers, who had questioned the legality of the circular issued by the RERA-K on September 3, 2020.

Lakhs collected

The RERA-K had collected lakhs of rupees as 'delay fee' from the promoters and developers not only from the date of circular but also with retrospective effect from 2018-19.

Supreme Court sends CBI plea on Shivakumar case to Justice Kant's Bench

The petition was filed after the Karnataka govt. revoked the consent given to the probe agency to investigate the disproportionate assets case against the Deputy Chief Minister

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday made it clear that a Bench led by Justice Surya Kant would hear pleas challenging Karnataka's decision to withdraw consent to investigate a disproportionate assets case against Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

D.K. Shivakumar

Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai noted that the case had earlier been dealt with by a Bench led by Justice Kant. The court was hearing a petition filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against the State government's decision to withdraw its consent to the probe agency to investigate the assets case against Mr. Shivakumar. BJP leader Basanagouda R. Patil Yatnal had also separately moved the top court on the issue.

Amassing assets

The CBI has accused Mr. Shivakumar of amassing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income between 2013 and 2018, when he was a Minister in the State. On September 17, last year, a Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan issued notices to Mr. Shivakumar and the State government on the plea filed by Mr. Patil.

The Congress government in Karnataka had found the earlier BJP regime's decision to give consent to the CBI "erroneous" in law, and had revoked it. The High Court dubbed the CBI plea filed by the CBI against the withdrawal "non-maintainable", while dismissing the case in 2024.

Panel to discuss Coimbatore's growth story and investment opportunities

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Coimbatore's transformation into one of South India's most promising growth centres will take centre stage at the third edition of Coimbatore Unlimited, presented by G Square and powered by *The Hindu*.

The event is scheduled to be held at Taj MG Road, Bengaluru, on Wednesday, from 6:30 p.m..

The city is increasingly seen as one blending industrial heritage with innovation-driven growth. With its emerging ecosystem for sustainable urban development, the city is attracting significant interest from investors, corporates, and real estate developers.

Themed "Coimbatore Rising: South India's Investment Magnet", this year's edition will focus on the city's readiness for large-scale residential and commercial projects, and the collaborative role of industry leaders in shaping long-term value creation.

The panel will feature Junaith Babu, Chief Operating Officer, G Square Group; K.S. Viswanathan, Technology Visionary and Strategic Advisor for Global Capability Centers, formerly associated with the Azim Premji Foundation and NASSCOM; and M. Balasubramaniam, Director, Mangal Tirth Estate Ltd, and Founding Director, Brookefields Estates Pvt Ltd.

The discussion will be moderated by Sanjay Chugh, City Head and Director, Anarock Property Consultants Pvt Ltd, Chennai.

Participation in the event is by invitation only, with limited seats available. Interested attendees can register at https://forms.the-hindu.co.in/coimbatore-unlimited or by scanning the QR code.

Kerala govt. unveils health and accident insurance for expatriates

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala government is committed to ensuring the well-being of the expatriate population who has contributed to the progress of the State, Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has said. He was inaugurating NoRKA Care, a health and accident insurance coverage conceived by the government for the Malayali diaspora.

The need for an insurance scheme under the aegis of the government, a long-standing demand of the expatriates, was being fulfilled with the formal inauguration of NoRKA Care, he said.

Mr. Vijayan said this was the first time in the country that a State was implementing such an insurance scheme. Under this, cashless treatment would be available in more than 500 hospitals in Kerala and over 16,000 in the country.

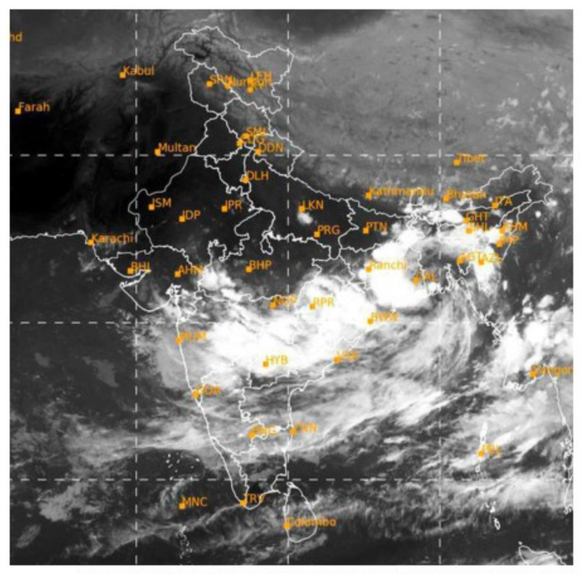
He said the scheme may be extended to hospitals in foreign countries, including Gulf Cooperation Council countries. This was expected to benefit around four million expatriates in the first phase.

The scheme implemented in association with The New India Assurance offers health insurance coverage of ₹5 lakh and accident cover of up to ₹10 lakh.

Those aged between 18 and 70 can join the scheme. The premium is ₹13,411 for a family of four, including two children.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.45 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, central Maharashtra and Karnataka

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	37	31.2	24.9	Kozhikode	5	32.2	24.6
Ahmedabad	0.6	34.4	25.8	Kurnool	11	30.4	23.5
Aizawl	12.4	31.2	22.0	Lucknow	—	35.1	26.8
Allahabad	—	36.2	24.8	Madurai	—	38.5	26.1
Bengaluru	—	27.9	20.6	Mangaluru	0.4	29.3	23.8
Bhopal	2	32.8	22.8	Mumbai	3	27.2	24.3
Bhubaneswar	1.3	34.2	24.4	Mysuru	—	29.0	20.0
Chandigarh	—	35.0	24.7	New Delhi	—	35.3	24.4
Chennai	—	33.2	26.3	Patna	—	34.0	28.1
Coimbatore	—	32.4	23.6	Port Blair	17	29.2	23.7
Dehradun	—	33.9	22.9	Puducherry	—	32.4	22.4
Gangtok	21	23.5	17.3	Pune	—	32.7	24.0
Goa	0.2	31.0	24.8	Raipur	—	33.5	23.8
Guwahati	—	36.2	25.9	Ranchi	—	31.4	23.8
Hubballi	—	29.0	22.0	Shillong	19	28.0	17.0
Hyderabad	23	30.2	21.2	Shimla	—	26.2	18.2
Imphal	—	30.4	26.2	Srinagar	—	31.4	13.6
Jaipur	—	37.0	26.6	Thiruvananthapuram	19	31.4	23.9
Kochi	19	30.0	24.2	Tiruchi	—	35.9	25.6
Kohima	2	26.1	17.5	Vijayawada	41	33.9	24.6
Kolkata	0.7	31.2	27.0	Visakhapatnam	—	32.4	26.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.13	..11	37	 28	79	.....
Bengaluru	.10	9	33	 50	...118	.....
Chennai	...9	..16	61	 42	47	.....
Delhi	.32	..43	74	... 231	...291	.....
Hyderabad	.11	..19	29	 52	94	.....
Kolkata	...9	142	32	 45	56	.....
Lucknow	...5	..12	53	... 124	...132	.....
Mumbai	..—	..90	22	 28	54	.....
Pune	..—	..57	65	 37	58	.....
Visakhapatnam	..—	..—	35	..... —	..... —	.....

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Munger, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 205 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 9

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BRIEF/ABSTRACT TENDER NOTIFICATION

RPCL, invites tenders through e-Procurement **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

1) KPCL/2025-26/IND1675/CALL-2 Date: 15.09.2025 Supply of 200KL of LDO IS:15770(2008) through Road Tankers required for YTPS. Last date for bid submission along with Technical & Financial Bid (Part I & II): **29.09.2025 up to 14.30 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the **Executive Engineer (M-2),** Mobile: +91-8277502840.

2) KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDEHT3474 Date: 10.09.2025 Erection, Testing and Commissioning of new piping of HP Water line/Dry ash line/Service water line/Compressor air line of more than 100 meters in Length and above 100 NB. Last date for receipt of tenders: **08.10.2025, 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the **Executive Engineer (M)-3,** Mobile: +919481089001.

3) KPCL/2025-26/PS/WORK_INDENT3336 Date: 12.08.2025 Providing of maintenance and service FRP platform for IDCT cells at YTPS. Last date for receipt of tenders: **06.10.2025 at 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be obtained from the **Executive Engineer (M-1),** Mobile: 94806 82513. E-mail: eem3rpcl@gmail.com

Procurement of: **4) KPCL/2025-26/IND2042 Date: 18.09.2025** Submersible pump 10 HP for CHP. **5) KPCL/2025-26/IND2034 Date: 17.09.2025** Biodispersant. **6) KPCL/2025-26/IND1949 Date: 17.09.2025** Clean out conveyor assembly spares for HP1103. **7) KPCL/2025-26/IND1844/CALL-3 Date: 16.09.2025** Shrouding plates for boiler tubes. **8) KPCL/2025-26/IND1908/CALL-3 Date: 13.09.2025** Statoil Mereta 320 for Alfa Laval make. **9) KPCL/2025-26/IND2007 Date: 11.09.2025** Slat plat Epoxy sheet. **10) KPCL/2025-26/IND2026 Date: 11.09.2025** Bearing block for CHP area belt conveyors. Further details can be obtained from **Executive Engineer (MSP),** Mobile: 94806 82892. E-mail: eemsprpcl@gmail.com

e-AUCTION SALE NOTIFICATION

E-Auction Notification No. KPCL/2025-26/AUCTION107 Date: 16.09.2025
Disposal of Non-hazardous type of scrap materials on "as is where is basis" at YTPS, Chikkasugur. Last date to confirm participation on **27.09.2025** and live bidding through **KPP Portal Karnataka** on **03.10.2025.** The details of e-Auction through GoK and log on to: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. Further information can be had from the **Executive Engineer (MSP),** YTPS, Chikkasugur-587134, Dist: Raichur. Mobile: 8277889196.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA - DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER, BALANGIR IRRIGATION CIRCLE, BALANGIR
E-mail :- sebalangir@gmail.com
"e-Procurement Notice" - BID Identification No : ACE, BOIC-05/2025-26
Procurement Details

Pkg. No.	Name of works	Approx. Tender Cost in Lakh	Class of Contractor	Bid Security / EMD (Online)	Cost of tender document	Period of Completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Improvement to existing black top canal service road from RD 5500 M to RD 9900 M of Hariharjore Main canal of HIP.	Rs.218.48 Lakh (excluding G.S.T)	'A' & 'B' Class	Rs.2,18,500/-	Rs.10,000/-	12 (Twelve) Calendar Months
2.	Improvement to existing black top canal service road from RD 00 M to RD 4500 M of Champamal Distributary of HIP.	Rs.214.29 Lakh (excluding G.S.T)	'A' & 'B' Class	Rs.2,14,300/-	Rs.10,000/-	12 (Twelve) Calendar Months
3.	Improvement to existing black top canal service road from RD 11000 M to RD 14912 M of Hariharjore Main canal of HIP..	Rs.210.08 Lakh (excluding G.S.T)	'A' & 'B' Class	Rs.2,10,100/-	Rs.10,000/-	12 (Twelve) Calendar Months
4.	Improvement to existing black top canal service road from RD 6000 M to RD 11000 M of Champamal Distributary of HIP.	Rs.222.69 Lakh (excluding G.S.T)	'A' & 'B' Class	Rs.2,22,700/-	Rs.10,000/-	12 (Twelve) Calendar Months
5.	Construction of bitumen road on canal service road from RD 00 M to 4475 M of Saradhapali Distributary of HIP.	Rs.210.09 Lakh (excluding G.S.T)	'A' & 'B' Class	Rs.2,10,100/-	Rs.10,000/-	12 (Twelve) Calendar Months

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender on-line for bidding		Date of Seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender		Place of Opening
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Addl. Chief Engineer , Balangir Irrigation Circle, Balangir	ACE, BOIC-05/2025-26	Dt. 26.09.2025 at 10.00 A.M.	Dt. 22.10.2025 up to 5.30 P.M.	Dt.03.10.2025 to Dt.13.10.2025 At Office during office hours.(In working days)	Dt. 23.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated after evaluation of Technical Bid	Office of Addl.Chief Engineer , Balangir Irrigation Circle, Balangir

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **"https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in"**
Additional Chief Engineer, Balangir Irrigation Circle, Balangir.
A-649: OIPR-32347/11/0007/2526

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
GREATER CHENNAI POLICE
TENDER NOTICE
C.No.MPF-1/7968/2024, Dated : 18.09.2025
e-tenders are invited for the supply of following Two Cover System

Request for proposal for the Installation of CCTV cameras to implement Marina Beach Surveillance project in Greater Chennai Police.	EMD Amount: INR.4,31,571/-
Tender publishing date and time : 24.09.2025 at 10.00 hrs.,	
Tender last date and time of submission : 09.10.2025 upto 14.00 hrs.,	
Bid document will be available in website **https://tntenders.gov.in**	
Tender opening date and time : 09.10.2025 at 16.00 hrs.,	

Deputy Commissioner of Police, Administration, Greater Chennai Police, (Tender Inviting Authority)
DIPR/5283/Tender/2025

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File No. HO/CIV/T&E/E-5079/01/24/ 27688 Dt.18.09.2025
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (CIVIL), IDCO, IDCO TOWER, BHUBANESWAR
Bid Identification No. Civil/EST/15/2025-26
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL UNDER NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING THROUGH e-Procurement

1. **Name of the Work : "Selection of Agency for Comprehensive Facility Management for Kalinga Studio, Bhubaneswar, Odisha for a period of two years".**
2. **Availability of tender online for Bidding**
   i. **Start Date : 24.09.2025 at 05:30 PM.**
   ii. **End Date : 08.10.2025 at 05:00 PM.**
   iii. **Opening date : 08.10.2025 at 05:30 PM**

RFP details can be seen from the e-procurement portal. **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**. Corrigendum or Addendum if any will not be published in newspapers and can be seen in **e-procurement portal** as well as in **IDCO website.**

Sd/-
Chief General Manager (Civil), IDCO, Bhubaneswar
CAD-1842: OIPR-14003/11/0242/2526

PUBLIC NOTICE

We are investigating the title of **Deepak.H.Druve** son of late Haridas.H.Druve, **("Owner"),** aged about 73 years, residing at No 26, serpetine road, Kumarapark West, Bangalore-560020, with respect converted (industrial purpose) land in Survey No.65/1 measuring 1 acre 23 guntas and Survey No.65/2 measuring 1 acre 20 guntas, totally measuring 3 acres 03 guntas, having E- katha No.131/65/1/65/2 bearing PID No. 150300301700400132 measuring 12,244.08 square meters both situated at Majara Hosahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, morefully described in the Schedule hereunder hereinafter referred to as the **"Schedule Property". (i) Prateek A. Shah** son of Atul R Shah, residing at No54, 1st Cross, Nehru Nagar, Bangalore-560020 and **(ii) Radhey Shyam Rathi** son of late Srinivas Rathi, residing at 5/2, 8th Cross, Lakshmi Road, Shantinagar, Bangalore- 560027 are the agreement holders of Schedule Property in terms of the unregistered Memorandum of Understanding dated 07.12.2004, and the amended Memorandum of Understanding dated 01.03. 2006.

Any person having any right, title, claim or interest in the Schedule Property or against the Owner must notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof within fifteen **(15)** days of this publication. In case no such notice is received by us within fifteen **(15)** days from the date of publication of this notice, it shall be presumed that the title of the Owners with respect to the Schedule Property is clear, marketable and free from encumbrance/s of any kind whatsoever and no person has any right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof. Claims or alleged interest, if any, which are not received within fifteen **(15)** days from the date of publication of this notice shall be deemed to have been waived and disregarded for all intents and purposes and shall not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the converted land (industrial purpose) in Survey No.65/1 measuring **1 acre 23 guntas and** Survey No.65/2 measuring **1 acre 20 gutnas,** totally measuring **3 acres 3 guntas,** having E-katha No.131/65/1/65/2 bearing PID No. 150300301700400132 measuring **12,244.08 square meters** both situated at **Majara Hosahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk** and bounded on:

Survey Number	Extent	East	West	North	South
65/1	1 acre 23 guntas	Survey No. 63	Road	Survey No.65/2	Survey No. 66
65/2	1 acre 20 guntas	Survey No. 63	Road	Road	Land in Survey No.65/1

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 23.09.2025

Malini Raju
AZB & Partners,
Level 5, 37 Cunningham,
Cunningham Road, Bengaluru -560 052.

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, CHAMARAJANAGARA
Ph.No. : 08226-222035, Fax No. : 08226-222566
email add: ka.chamarajanagara.cmc@gmail.com
website add : www.chamarajanagaracity.mrc.gov.in

No: CMC/CHN/TS/AEE/PR-35/2025-26 Date : 17-09-2025

-: Tender Notification :-
(Through The Government of Karnataka Public Procurement Portal)

Under the AMRUT 2.0 a tender has been invited through the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal as per the **Karnataka Standard Tender Document - KW-3** (Karnataka Public Procurement Transparency Directions 1999-2000 Act 2000). Eligible tenderers can participate in the tender through the portal **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sl. No.	Work Details	Amount Put to Tender (Rs in Lakhs)	Amount of E.M.D. (Rs in Lakhs)
01	(DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT49074)	90.38	1.81

5. Last Date for Submission of Tender (Through e-portal Only): **10-10-2025 Upto 5.30 PM,** Date of opening of Technical bid Dated: **13-10-2025 after 11.00 AM**
6. Further details can be obtained from the website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and from the office of Municipal Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Chamarajanagar or Assistant Executive Engineer (Civil) City Municipal Council, Chamarajanagara.
7. **Tenderers Shall Submit The tender amount exclusive of GST Only.**
8. Any amendments / addendums will be published on the portal only and the tenderers shall abide by all the conditions mentioned in the tender documents.

Sd/- Sri Suresh S. President CMC, Chamarajanagara
Sd/- Smt. H.S. Mamatha Vice President CMC, Chamarajanagara
Sd/- Sri S.V. Ramdas Commissioner CMC, Chamarajanagara

DIPR:CHANAGAR:370:2025-26

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BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
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Office of the Executive Engineer(Ele), BESCOM, C, O & M Division, Kolar.
No: EE(El)/AO/AAO/EA-1&2/2025-26/5344-53 Date: 17.09.2025

Notification

Sub: Publish the News & Advertise of Unauthorized Absent Employees of BESCOM, Kolar Division, Kolar. **Ref: (1)** EE(Ele)/AO/AAO/F-14/2023-24/3554-57 Dated: 18.07.2025. **(2)** EE(Ele)/AO/AAO/F-14/2025-26/4033-34 Dated: 29.07.2025. **(3)** EE(Ele)/AO/AAO/F-14/2025-26/4698-700 Dated: 26.08.2025. **(4)** EE(Ele)/AO/AAO/F-14/2023-24/3558-60 Dated: 18.07.2025. **(5)** EE(Ele)/AO/AAO/F-14/2025-26/4031-32 Dated: 29.07.2025 **(6)** EE(Ele)/AO/AAO/F-14/2025-26/4695-97 Dated: 26.08.2025. **(7)** EE(Ele)/AO/AAO/F-14/2023-24/4047-49 Dated: 12.12.2023. **(8)** EE(Ele)/AO/AAO/F-14/2023-24/6134-36 Dated: 20.02.2024. **(9)** EE(Ele)/AO/AAO/F-14/2024-25/8254-56 Dated: 21.02.2025. **(10)** EE(Ele)/AO/AAO/F-14/2025-26/4034-38 Dated: 29.07.2025. **(11)** EE(Ele)/AO/AAO/F-14/2025-26/4701-03 Dated: 26.08.2025. **(12)** KPTCL/B-81/26057/2011-12 Dated: 14.09.2011. With Reference to the above Subject the following Employees of the Bescom Kolar Division are Absent from his Duties without any permission Despite being issued with several Notices and Recall Notices, They are repeatedly absent from duties. stating that they should report for duty within 15days from the date of publication of this matter in the newspaper, Failing which the said employees will be dismissed from duty as per reference no (12).

Sl. No	Name of the Employee	Desig nation	Place of Working	Unauthorized Absent From	Unauthorized Absent To	Remarks
1	S.Bhanu Prasad	JLM	BESCOM, Narsapura Section, Rural Sub Division, Kolar.	17.04. 2025	Till Date	Ref from (1) to (3) issued Recall Notice
2	N.G. Subramani	ALM	BESCOM, Holur Section, Rural Sub Division, Kolar.	07.04. 2025	Till Date	Ref from (4) to (6) issued Recall Notice
3	H.V. Naveen Kumar	JLM	BESCOM, Lakshmipura Section, Rural Sub Division, Kolar.	25.09 2024	Till Date	Ref from (7) to (11) issued Notice for unauthorized absent & Recall Notice

Sd/- Shubha B.N.Executive Engineer(Ele), BESCOM, C, O & M Division, Kolar.
DIPR/KOLAR/RO NO:284/KSMCA/2025-26

A conundrum

Household spending can boost the economy, but it needs a jump-start

The government's push this year to spur consumption in the economy is a much-needed policy re-prioritisation at a time when several other engines of growth are either flagging or plateauing. The economy is a composite of household consumption, private investment, government expenditure and net exports. Of these, only government expenditure has witnessed robust growth over the past few years, thanks to the Modi government's infrastructure push. It has also made available interest-free loans to States to do the same. However, as Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has indicated in the last two Union Budgets, even though the Centre will increase its capital expenditure, it will not be at the blistering rate of 30%-35% that the early post-COVID-19 pandemic years saw. The government has other developmental and defence priorities that need funds too. It is time for the private sector to step up its investments. Private investment has grown, but not nearly at the rate needed to move India from 6%-6.5% growth to the more than 8% needed to meet the targets. Given that industrial capacity utilisation has not crossed 80% since March 2011, the only way to induce more private investment is to increase demand substantially. Net exports, especially merchandise, are struggling due to the global uncertainty around trade, and the U.S.'s 50% tariffs imposed on Indian imports. That is, demand from abroad is petering out, which leaves household consumption to do the heavy lifting.

There are two ways to encourage people to spend – increasing their incomes and lowering prices. The GST rate reforms, with effect from September 22, are a significant step in executing the latter. According to a study published by FICCI, more than three-fourths of rural monthly expenditure will attract either nil or 5% GST rates. This was previously 56%. For urban Indians, this proportion has been increased from half to two-thirds. On the income side, the government tried to put more money in people's pockets by reducing income-tax rates in Budget 2025. This was a welcome and necessary step, although it is not enough to encourage a change in spending behaviour. People are more likely to save than spend that extra amount. The other way disposable income will rise substantially is if companies decide to increase wages. However, apart from a few niche sectors, India has an oversupply of labour, and wages will simply not grow fast enough. There is also a skill deficit that needs to be urgently addressed. This is the unfortunate predicament that the Indian economy finds itself in: consumption is the only driver of growth that is largely immune to global factors. But it also has high inertia, needing relatively more fiscal investment before it can get a jump-start.

Basic structure

There can be no restriction in a public event on the basis of religion

The Supreme Court of India recently reaffirmed that secularism is a fundamental principle and part of the basic structure of the Constitution of India. While this is a welcome restatement, it is concerning that the Court has to periodically reiterate this foundational aspect of Indian nationhood. The need arose from a misguided petition that sought to communalise a moment of celebration for all Indians. The Karnataka government had invited International Booker Prize-winning Kannada writer Banu Mushtaq, who is Muslim, to inaugurate the Mysuru Dasara festival at the Chamundeshwari Temple – which she did on Monday. This festival, a State-sponsored cultural event that is not purely religious, serves as an occasion for all communities to come together and share in the joy of the festival. The petition filed in the Court alleged that Ms. Mushtaq's participation violated Articles 25 and 26 of the Constitution, which guarantee freedom of religion. A Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta rightly dismissed the petition, clarifying that the Dasara festival is a State event, not a private religious ceremony. The Court emphasised that the State cannot discriminate based on religion when organising public events and questioned whether the petitioner had even read the Constitution's Preamble, which unambiguously promotes equality and secularism. The Karnataka High Court had previously upheld the government's decision, stating that a person of one faith participating in the events of another does not violate anyone's constitutional right.

The constitutional right to practise and profess religion cannot be interpreted as a right to restrict others from participating in a faith's practices. Restricting participation in any public gathering based on religion is indefensible in a pluralistic society. Although some places of worship still limit access to certain groups, such practices remain a source of legal and ethical debate. Those who perceive a threat to their religion from someone who is voluntarily and happily joining its festivities are either cynical or cunning. In fact, over many centuries and across different geographies, festivals and pilgrimages have united India's diverse population, often transcending social barriers. The acceptance of this shared, mixed cultural heritage is a common thread among all Indian political parties, even amid their disagreements. However, a new group of political opportunists is exploiting this harmony by creating communal rifts, turning the logic of coexistence on its head. As the Supreme Court has demonstrated, these individuals need to be held accountable.

PHC doctors — a case where the caregivers need care

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Primary Health Centre (PHC) doctors form the unshakable foundation of the Indian public health system. They serve not merely as doctors but also as planners, coordinators and leaders. For millions in India's hinterlands, they are the only accessible face of medicine.

Their role extends far beyond clinical care – from public health programmes to disease surveillance. PHC doctors bridge the health system and the last person in a remote village. They stand at the intersection of community needs and policy intent, holding together a vast and fragile health-care network.

A PHC typically serves a diverse population of around 30,000 people, including women, children, the elderly with chronic illnesses, and other vulnerable groups. In hilly and tribal regions, it is around 20,000 people; in urban areas, it stretches to 50,000 people. With a modest team and finite resources, PHC doctors shoulder the care of entire communities. Their work draws upon the founding principles of primary health care: equitable access, community involvement, intersectoral coordination, and pragmatic use of technology, delivered not just in policy papers but in the actual lives of people.

Their responsibilities go well beyond the examination table. They coordinate immunisation campaigns, conduct door-to-door surveys, manage vector control, run school health programmes along with Medical Officers from the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), and respond to field outbreaks. They organise health education sessions, engage in inter-sectoral meetings, and participate in gram sabhas to promote community health.

Visiting Anganwadis and sub-centres, mentoring Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA), Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANM), and village health workers, conducting review meetings and audits are all a part of their daily rhythm. These are not checkboxes. They are the threads tying public health programmes to people, and keeping national health policies alive at the grass-root level.

Yet, these efforts are rarely acknowledged in workforce metrics or planning. While national programmes lean heavily on field-level execution, the pressure these duties place on already stretched personnel often goes unnoticed.

A crushing clinical load

On a busy day, a PHC doctor sees around 100 outpatients. In centres far away from a Basic/Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric and Newborn care (BEmONC/CEmONC) facility, nearly 100 pregnant women attend antenatal outpatient (OP) service on designated days. Each consultation is a race against time. In that brief time, they must listen with care, examine the patient thoroughly, arrive at a diagnosis, and offer the right treatment, without compromising clinical rigour or compassion. The burden of meeting programme-driven targets only intensifies the strain.

> Any investment in public health must begin with those who make it work, but the system cannot be built with doctors who are fatigued

Unlike specialists focused on one domain, PHC doctors must stay updated across the entire medical spectrum – from newborn care to geriatrics, infectious diseases to mental health, and trauma and chronic illnesses – and are expected to treat emergencies of every specialty without having time to summon help. Added to this daily crush, they are expected to keep pace with updated treatment protocols, national guidelines and the steady churn of medical knowledge.

The space for learning or reflection has become a rarity, a quiet casualty of a system that never slows down. Hence, even simple research becomes a luxury, despite being the primary contributors of health data.

Administrative work, burnout

Perhaps the most overlooked burden is administrative work. What began as a support task has quietly grown into a parallel job. PHCs today maintain over 100 physical registers: outpatient records, maternal and child health, non-communicable diseases, drug inventory, and sanitation, among others.

To this, digital systems have been added: the Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP), Population Health Registry (PHR), Ayushman Bharat Portal, Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP), Health Management Information System (HMIS), and UWIN for immunisation. These were meant to streamline documentation. In reality, they have created duplication. Many doctors now enter the same data twice – on paper and electronically. The wrangle between digitisation and physical records is a false dichotomy; PHC doctors are made to juggle both, with neither system fully supporting them.

Support staff receive devices for data entry, but the need for parallel paper records persists. With limited assistance, physicians often stay late to complete documentation after their clinical duties. The second shift, filled with paperwork, has become routine. Ironically, those trained to treat are now consumed by computers.

The result of this multi-dimensional burden is a slow, invisible erosion: burnout. It is not a term widely used in the Indian public health context, but the signs are hard to miss.

The Lancet has termed physician burnout as a global public health crisis, marked by emotional exhaustion, detachment and a sense of futility. The International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) issued by the World Health Organization (WHO) recognises it as an occupational phenomenon, underscoring the need for systemic, not just clinical, solutions. Dr. Vivek Murthy, former Surgeon General of the United States, wrote in *The New England Journal of Medicine* that burnout stems not just from long hours but from the growing gap between a health worker's calling and the system they are trapped in.

A meta-analysis in the WHO Bulletin found that in low- and middle-income countries, nearly one-third of primary care physicians report emotional exhaustion. In Saudi Arabia, a Ministry of Health study cited administrative overload as a key driver of burnout among PHC doctors.

The mismatch between expectations and systemic support is glaring. Physicians are tasked with delivering quality care, driving national programmes, and maintaining detailed documentation, with little staffing, compensation, or recognition.

Even in States such as Tamil Nadu, known for its commitment to primary care, where around 650 PHCs were National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) certified by January 2025, systemic stressors remain. Certification, though commendable, often emphasises checklists. True quality must mean care that is enabling, humane and sustainable.

What is needed is not just external validation, but internal reformation.

Rethinking the system

Strengthening primary care requires more than new buildings and names. It requires redesigning systems with empathy. Documentation must be meaningful. Redundant registers should go. Where possible, automation must replace manual entry. Non-clinical tasks must be delegated.

Global efforts offer direction. The 25 by 5 campaign, led by the U.S. National Library of Medicine and Columbia University, aims to reduce clinician documentation time by 75% by 2025. India must adopt similar, implementable goals.

The Bhore Committee rightly envisioned that primary health care must rest on preventive services and community involvement. Nearly eight decades on, PHCs remain central to that vision. But its flag bearers are caught in a web of tasks that the system was never designed to hold. We must shift from a culture of compliance to one of facilitation. Primary care must be supported by systems, not smothered by them.

Primary health care is the gateway to Universal Health Coverage (UHC), enshrined in Target 3.8 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). It promises access to essential health services, safe medicines, and financial protection. Without strong PHCs, SDG 3, which aims to ensure health and well-being for all, will remain aspirational.

Any investment in public health must begin with those who make it work. A system cannot be built on the backs of fatigued doctors. Their physical and emotional well-being is not a fringe concern. It is the foundation. We must value not just what physicians do, but what they endure. Only then can we build a system that is not just responsive, but resilient.

India has the opportunity and the responsibility to reimagine primary care not as a cost centre, but as its most vital investment. If care is to be truly Ayushman, it must start with those who deliver it.

The views expressed are personal

The growing relevance of traditional medicine

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The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that traditional medicine is practised in 88% of its member-states – 170 out of 194 countries. For billions, particularly in low- and middle-income nations, it remains the primary form of health care due to accessibility and affordability considerations. Yet, its significance extends beyond treatment, supporting biodiversity conservation, nutrition security, and sustainable livelihoods.

Market projections underscore this growing acceptance. Analysts estimate that the global traditional medicine market will reach $583 billion by 2025, with annual growth rates of 10%-20%. China's traditional Chinese medicine sector is valued at $122.4 billion, Australia's herbal medicine industry at $3.97 billion, and India's Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) sector at $43.4 billion.

This expansion reflects a fundamental shift in health-care philosophy – from reactive treatment models to proactive, preventive approaches that address root causes rather than symptoms alone.

India's Ayurvedic transformation

India's traditional medicine sector has witnessed remarkable transformation. The AYUSH industry, comprising over 92,000 micro, small and medium enterprises, has expanded nearly eight-fold in less than a decade. Manufacturing sector revenues have grown from ₹21,697 crore in 2014-15 to over ₹1.37 lakh crore currently, while the services sector has generated ₹1.67 lakh crore in revenue.

India now exports AYUSH and herbal products worth $1.54 billion to more than 150 countries, with Ayurveda gaining formal recognition as a medical system in several nations. This represents both economic opportunity and soft power projection on the global stage.

> The ancient system can offer sustainable health-care solutions in an era of climate change and lifestyle diseases

The first comprehensive survey on AYUSH by the National Sample Survey Office (2022-23) revealed near-universal awareness – 95% in rural areas and 96% in urban centres. Over half the population reported using AYUSH systems in the preceding year, with Ayurveda emerging as the preferred choice for rejuvenation and preventive care.

Scientific validation, global expansion

India has invested significantly in research through institutions including the All India Institute of Ayurveda, the Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda, the National Institute of Ayurveda, and the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences.

These institutions focus on clinical validation, drug standardisation and developing integrative care models that combine traditional knowledge with modern medical practices.

India's global Ayurveda outreach has achieved unprecedented scale through the Ministry of AYUSH's International Cooperation Scheme. India has signed 25 bilateral agreements and 52 institutional partnerships, established 43 AYUSH Information Cells across 39 countries, and positioned 15 academic chairs in foreign universities.

The establishment of the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Centre in India represents a significant milestone. Supported by the Government of India, the centre aims to harness traditional medicine's potential through modern science, digital health and emerging technologies including artificial intelligence.

WHO's recent publication on AI integration in traditional medicine highlights how advanced technologies can strengthen clinical validation, enable big-data analytics, and enhance predictive care within Ayurveda and related systems.

The theme this year

Ayurveda's core philosophy of balance – between body and mind, humans and nature, consumption and conservation – offers relevant solutions for contemporary challenges. As the world grapples with lifestyle diseases and climate change, Ayurveda provides a framework that addresses both personal and planetary health.

The system's principles extend beyond human wellness to encompass veterinary care and plant health, embodying a holistic approach to nurturing all life forms. This comprehensive vision makes the theme for the year 2025, "Ayurveda for People & Planet", particularly timely (September 23 is observed as Ayurveda Day).

As India leads efforts to mainstream traditional medicine globally, the approach emphasises health care that is preventive, affordable, inclusive and sustainable. Ayurveda represents not merely a medical system but a wellness movement that bridges traditional knowledge with contemporary needs.

The convergence of ancient wisdom with modern science and technology positions traditional medicine systems to play an increasingly important role in global health architecture. Ayurveda Day this year serves as a reminder of the potential for traditional knowledge systems to contribute to a more balanced and sustainable future for people and the planet.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GST 2.0, the reality

The tax cuts of essential goods and services, effected as part of GST reforms, have been hyperbolically termed as a "festival of savings". However, it was the same government that introduced the GST with 'several' slabs that financially burdened the common man. It should not be forgotten that poverty/low income is still a lived reality for millions of our compatriots. A lot more needs to be done to enhance the purchasing power of a majority of people. We must bring about structural changes and evolve a just social and economic order — "just" being the operative word.

G. David Milton,
Maruthancode, Tamil Nadu

Gaza genocide

It is unfortunate that most of the world has remained a passive spectator to the genocide committed in Gaza. Even more tragic is that India remains tight-lipped. The Nazi Holocaust appears stunted compared to the genocide in the Gaza strip committed by Israeli Jews.

One hopes the world will awaken ('World' page, "U.K., Australia and Canada recognise Palestinian state in a seismic shift", September 22).

Tharcius S. Fernando,
Chennai

Care for senior citizens

Tamil Nadu has a significant and growing elderly population, projected to be about 18.2% of the total population by 2031. To protect the rights, welfare and rehabilitation of the elderly, the Government must constitute a Tamil Nadu Elders Rights Commission. It should have all the powers of a civil court. There also needs to be more old age homes and day care centres in rural areas.

Empower Sankar,
Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu

Corrections & Clarifications

An article, "The age of India's leaders has steadily risen" (Opinion page – 'Data Point', September 22, 2025), said Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru demitted office in 1966. Nehru died in 1964 while he was still in office.

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Trans people deserve better

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As both a trans woman and a woman, I have come to understand that policy is not an abstract document drafted in bureaucratic chambers; it is the scaffolding of our lives. For gender minorities, whose existence is often questioned or ridiculed, the absence of inclusive, enforceable, and humane policy is not just a governance gap; it is a denial of dignity.

Families may abandon us, schools may shut their doors, and workplaces may feign diversity while keeping us at the margins. Gender transition is expensive and requires resources most cannot access. The cost of abandonment, coupled with hunger, often leaves little choice but to walk into situations that endanger dignity and safety. A hungry body rarely waits for laws to catch up; it succumbs to survival.

Hollow quotas

Governments announce quotas for employment, education, housing, and welfare initiatives. But the reality is one of selective dispersal, corruption, and bureaucratic gatekeeping. One only needs to ask how many trans persons have genuinely benefited from these quotas to see the distance between promise and practice.

I recall standing in a queue outside a government office, forms filled in triplicate, my gender identity scrutinised with voyeuristic curiosity rather than bureaucratic neutrality. A quota that exists on paper but requires humiliation to access is not empowerment, it is entrapment.

Beyond the corridors of policy lies the texture of daily life. Try finding a home for rent as a transwoman and you will encounter the labyrinth of prejudice. Landlords hesitate, neighbours whisper, and societies form silent barricades. Housing, a basic marker of stability, becomes a privilege denied.

Even public spaces are fraught with ridicule. On buses, people stare and snigger; in markets, whispers follow every step. For many trans persons, the act of boarding a train or buying vegetables is an exercise in courage. To present one's strongest self while enduring relentless humiliation is nothing short of heroic. Yet, policy has not caught up with the reality that safety in public spaces is as much a right as food or shelter.

History shows us the cost of systemic exclusion. When African-Americans were denied civil rights, democracy in the U.S. was hollow. When women were denied the vote, half the world was relegated to second-class. The denial of rights to gender minorities is a repetition of history's cruellest errors. Every time a trans person is denied education, a scientist is lost. Every time a trans person is denied housing, an artist is displaced. Every time a trans person is ridiculed in public, a leader is silenced.

Policy cannot remain something done for us; it must be done with us. For too long, gender minorities have been treated as passive recipients of government benevolence rather than active participants in shaping priorities.

Representation in politics is not symbolic – it is structural. Without trans voices in Parliament, State Assemblies, and municipal councils, our realities remain footnotes in files rather than the focus of legislation. When decisions about housing, healthcare, or education are made without us, they reproduce the blind spots of privilege.

Urgent priorities

Policy is a statement of national conscience. For gender minorities, three areas require urgent reform:

The first is education, including scholarships, inclusive curricula, and anti-discrimination protocols. A child bullied out of school is not just a statistic; she is a future cut short. The second is to provide affordable, state-supported gender transition and mental health care. Transitioning is not cosmetic; it is survival. The third is employment and housing. Anti-discrimination laws, rental protections, and workplace inclusivity must be enforced with penalties. Representation must translate into payrolls and property deeds. All these are non-negotiable foundations of equality.

A nation that sidelines its gender minorities sidelines its own potential. The measure of society is not how it treats its powerful but how it safeguards its vulnerable. Denial of human rights is not merely a trans issue; it is a national issue. By excluding us, India loses talent, creativity, and the unique perspectives diversity brings. Consider the flourishing of arts, sciences, and reform whenever societies widened their embrace. When women entered universities, medicine advanced. When Dalits entered legislatures, democracy deepened. When LGBTQ+ persons are allowed to live openly, culture and business innovated with vitality. India cannot aspire to global leadership while silencing voices at home that seek nothing more radical than the right to live with dignity.

As a trans woman, I am reminded daily that resilience is our inheritance, but resilience cannot substitute for rights. Policy must bridge the chasm between personal courage and systemic support. Without it, we remain trapped in cycles of abandonment and ridicule. And most importantly, without seats for us in political chambers and decision-making forums, every law will remain about us but never truly with us. Inclusion in politics is not tokenism; it is the very architecture of justice. The censor board passes derogatory content about us, but a trans person has never been appointed to a mass-media board.

Policy is not paperwork. Policy is life. Until gender minorities are woven into its fabric and its political debates with sincerity, our nation will remain a patchwork of promises rather than a tapestry of justice.

India needs to move from simply making promises for gender minorities to ensuring their participation in politics and policymaking

Realising the full potential of GST reforms

Supply side measures are necessary to ensure minimal effect to the States

STATE OF PLAY

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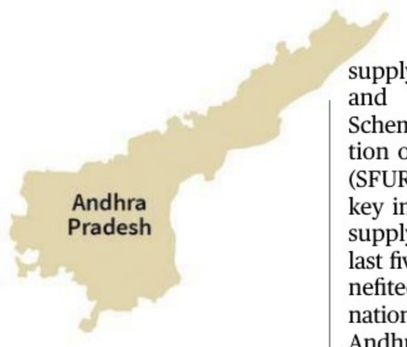
The Prime Minister and Finance Minister have delivered a true Deepavali gift to the citizens of India by reducing the number of slabs under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) to only two: 5% and 18%. This is also a strategic response to global trade uncertainty, such as the 50% tariff on Indian goods by the U.S. Yet, the fiscal challenge for the States remains, as 6-8% of collections came from the 5% slab, 5-6% from the 12% slab, 70-75% from the 18% one, and 13-15% from the 28% one. This exposes them to short-term revenue risks.

Andhra Pradesh has demonstrated a strong fiscal performance in recent times, with its GST collections recording a 21% surge in August 2025, reaching a gross collection of ₹3,989 crore. This buoyancy, driven by improved compliance and an expanding tax base, provides a strong foundation. However, some reports estimate the annual revenue loss may range from ₹1,500 crore to ₹7,000 crore as a result of the GST rate cuts.

To ensure minimal effect to the States from these revenue losses, supply side measures are necessary. These will meet the increased demand due to rate cuts. Without them, the anticipated boost in consumer demand might not be fulfilled by the supply side. Therefore, the State and Central government need to actively implement schemes to maximise benefits from the GST rate cuts. Given below are three examples to illustrate this point.

First, the GST reduction on cement from 28% to 18% is a significant victory for the real



estate and construction industry, a major engine of economic growth. This cut, along with reductions on other key materials such as marble, granite, and sand-lime bricks from 12% to 5%, is expected to reduce overall construction costs by as much as 5%. This makes houses more affordable for consumers at a time when housing demand remains strong in major urban centres.

But the reduction in construction material costs will strengthen the economy only if it translates into timely completion of houses sanctioned under schemes such as the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY). A parliamentary answer states that the completion rate under PMAY in the last five years is only 35% in Andhra Pradesh. Thus, while the GST cut serves as a macro-level financial incentive, effective implementation of PMAY at the State level is crucial to ensure that these rate cuts lead to faster completion of houses and, in turn, generate tangible economic value.

Second, the GST rate cut on handicrafts from 12% to 5% is a significant lifeline for traditional artisan communities. In Andhra Pradesh, artisans producing Kondapalli wooden toys, Etikoppaka toys, and Mangalagiri and Dharmavaram sarees will benefit from the reduced tax burden, which will make their products more affordable and competitive. However, the supply chain must be robust and well-supported. The Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) is the government's key instrument for providing supply-side support. In the last five years, SFURTI has benefited over 2,18,000 artisans nationwide, including 8,492 in Andhra Pradesh. According to a parliamentary answer, the continuation of SFURTI has been awaiting approval though. As a result, no new proposals are being approved. The full potential of the GST reform on the handloom and handicrafts sector is at risk until SFURTI is extended.

Third, in agriculture, GST on various farm machinery has been reduced from 12% to 5%, while GST on key fertilizer inputs such as sulphuric acid, nitric acid, and ammonia has been slashed from 18% to 5%. These measures lower input costs for farmers, thereby incentivising higher production. However, this boost in production will generate real economic value only if supply chain infrastructure is strengthened to handle the increased output. For instance, the Agri Infrastructure Fund aims at providing post harvest infrastructure financing. As of June 2025 under this fund, only ₹66,000 crore has been utilised across all the States combined, despite a total debt financing facility of ₹1 lakh crore being allocated for each State and Union Territory.

It is only through this synergistic approach combining macro-level tax policy with on-ground scheme implementation India can turn this Deepavali gift into fireworks for the economy.

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H-1B's new $100k entry cost: why young Indian women are most at risk

The impact will be particularly felt by women H-1B beneficiaries as they generally earn less than men

DATA POINT

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The U.S. government's latest decision to impose a one-time $1,00,000 fee on new H-1B visa applications – a steep jump from the current fee of a few thousand dollars – is likely to hit young Indian women applicants the hardest, according to data.

H-1B visa workers are predominantly male. In FY24, among workers approved for continuing their jobs (extending or changing their jobs), 74% were men and only 26% were women **(Chart 1)**. Among workers approved for initial employment, 37% were women. This indicates that while men historically dominated the pool of H-1B holders, women are catching up as their share is relatively high among fresh applications. As the new fee targets new applicants, women's prospects look dim.

Also, the annual salaries earned by for those seeking initial employment through the H-1B route are relatively low. For instance, if we line up 100 H-1B beneficiaries approved for initial employment in FY24, the bottom quarter (25th percentile) earned about $77,000, the middle worker (50th percentile) earned $97,000, and the top quarter (75th percentile) earned around $1,30,000 or more. Among continuing workers, the bottom quarter earned about $1,02,000, the middle-range salary was $1,32,000, and the top quarter earned above $1,69,000 **(Chart 2)**.

With the new visa cost consuming most or even all of the workers' annual pay, sponsoring initial employment beneficiaries may become economically unviable for employers. This raises questions about the future of the H-1B programme for new entrants. For instance, if a company sponsors a new beneficiary, the total cost in the first year will far exceed that of supporting an experienced worker seeking continued employment.

This impact will be particularly felt on women beneficiaries, as they generally earn less than men in the H-1B programme, especially in the bottom quarter of workers. If we line up 100 H-1B beneficiaries who were approved for initial employment in FY24, the bottom quarter of women earned about $71,000 compared with the $80,000 that men earned. At the median level, women earned $91,000, while men earned $99,000. In the top quarter, women earned $1,25,000, while men earned $1,31,000 **(Chart 3)**. Across all percentiles, women H-1B workers earned less than men, which makes it an even tougher choice for employers to sponsor them.

This peculiar skew is more pronounced among Indian women beneficiaries than those from most other countries. For instance, if we examine India and China alone, which together accounted for 83% of the beneficiaries in FY24, the gender skew is evident in India but not in China **(Chart 4)**.

The burden of the new fee also falls heavily on younger applicants, particularly women. Among women approved for new jobs in FY24, 75% were under 35 years of age, compared with 65% of men. This means the entry cost will hit a larger share of women who are beginning their careers **(Chart 5)**.

Among women approved for new employment in FY24, 44% had completed a Master's degree, compared with only 39% of men. The share of women with a Bachelor's degree alone was lower. At the doctorate and professional levels, the difference between men and women was negligible. Since the new fee applies only to new petitioners, it will impact women more heavily, despite their higher educational qualifications relative to men **(Chart 6)**.

While much of the above data refers to H-1B beneficiaries in general, the picture is largely shaped by Indians who made up 60% of the female and 75% of the male beneficiaries in FY24.

Slamming the door on young women
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Chart 1: Approved H-1B beneficiaries by type of petition and gender in FY2024 (in %)

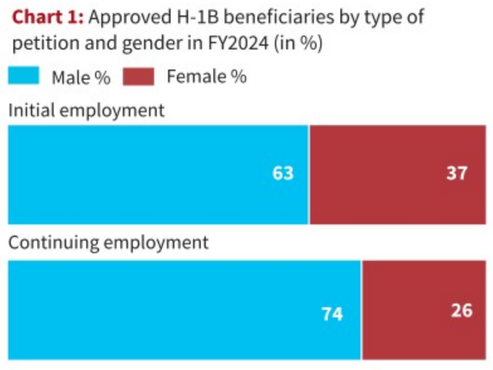
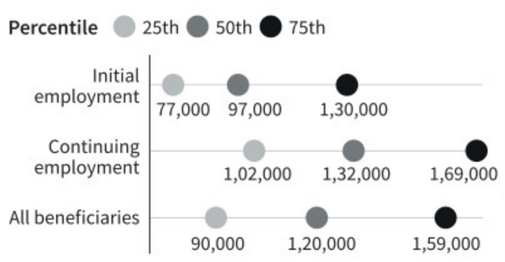


Chart 2: Annual compensation of H-1B beneficiaries by petition type in FY2024 (Figures in $)



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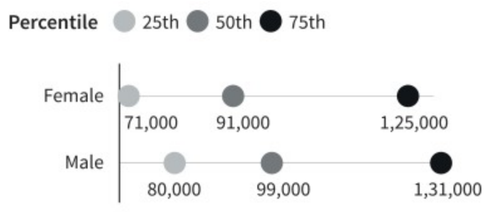
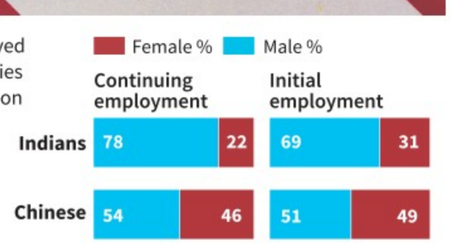


Chart 4: Approved H-1B beneficiaries by type of petition and gender in FY2024, among Indians and Chinese (by place of birth)



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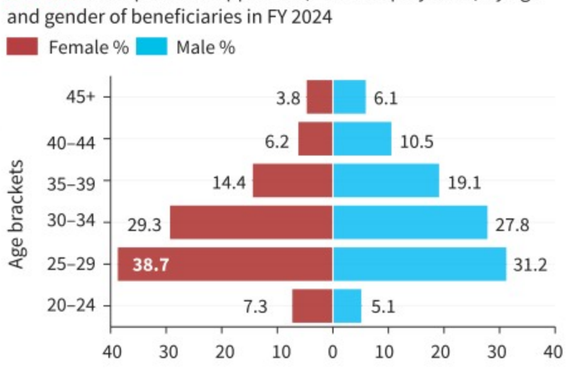

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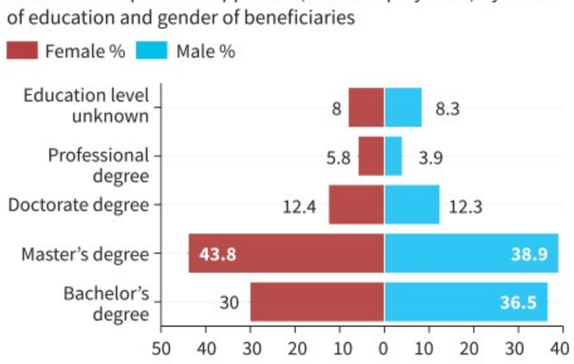

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 23, 1975

Japanese market for Indian garments

Madras, Sept 22: Japan offers a sizable potential for Indian readymade garments, as its consumption had shown a rise and the actual level of expenditure on these is expected to increase three fold in 1985 as compared to 1970.

Notwithstanding the depression in textile trade in 1974, imported garments including Indian goods continue to enjoy a share of the Japanese market. This is due to their tendency to adopt latest fashions.

A survey by the Trade Development Authority shows that the foreign label is still very much a symbol of prestige and quality in many products including apparel. The growth in Japan's imports is likely to be shared by developing countries, which enjoy the preferential tariff having an edge of lower wage rates.

The survey recommends exports of selected items of quality casual ware from India, because Japanese have not been satisfied with the quality of Indian readymades. Their complaints relate to shrinkage, lack of colour, embroidery and stitching defects.

The garment industry in the country should open laboratories in Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras, besides inviting Japanese importers to India to study production techniques.

The record shows that Indian exports have not so far enjoyed any substantial or stable demand in any single market for any appreciable length of time, but have had to switch markets.

The West European and U.S. markets for women's western style fashion garments which are small now are being cultivated.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 23, 1925

Burma company's proposal

London, Sept. 22: Presiding over a meeting of the Burma Ruby Mines Co. Sir Hugh Barnes said that there was a net deficiency of 48,235. He declared that rubies were difficult to sell, owing to trade depression. The value of rubies was found during the year to be considerably less than half of that in the previous year. The shareholders would be circularised with regard to a proposal to go into voluntary liquidation. Their mine was the only ruby mine in the world and if they ceased working, the price of rubies would undoubtedly increase.

From Page One

Jaishankar, Rubio meet amid trade, visa row

The Foreign Minister's Meeting in New York came days after Mr. Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke over the telephone and agreed to resume India-U.S. trade talks that the U.S. pulled out of in August, sparking hopes of a larger rapprochement between the two countries.

However, in the past week, the U.S. had also passed more punitive actions, such as cancelling a waiver for India's Chabahar port project in Iran, visa revocations for Indian corporate executives for alleged involvement in the fentanyl illegal drug trade, as well as imposing a $100,000 fee for H-1B visa applications, a large number of which come from Indian tech firms or for Indian professionals. The Ministry of External Affairs had warned of "humanitarian consequences" of the decision, and hoped the U.S. government would address the "disruptions" caused.

U.S. President Trump will address the UNGA on Tuesday, while Mr. Jaishankar will address the Assembly on September 27.

On Saturday, Mr. Trump also repeated his claim that he had brought the India-Pakistan conflict to an end, another cause of a strain in India-U.S. relations as India has denied the claim on a number of occasions. "With India, I said, we are not going to do any trade if you're going to fight. And they have nuclear weapons... and they stopped," Mr. Trump said, speaking about his efforts to ensure a ceasefire to Operation Sindoor on May 10.

According to media reports, Mr. Trump is expected to repeat claims on "stopping wars", including conflicts such as India-Pakistan, Egypt-Ethiopia, Rwanda-Congo, Thailand-Cambodia, Israel-Iran, and Azerbaijan-Armenia.

Supreme Court judge says it's high time defamation was decriminalised

The remark mirrors the top court's anxiety over the rampant use of the criminal defamation law, and reopens the question of whether 'defamation of any person by a private person can be treated as a crime, for it does not serve public interest'

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

A Supreme Court judge voiced his exasperation at the increasing use of criminal defamation law by private individuals and political parties to get even, highlighting the need "to decriminalise" slur.

"I think time has come to decriminalise this," Justice M.M. Sundresh remarked on Monday.

Less than a decade ago, the Supreme Court upheld the Constitutional validity of criminal defamation, saying it protected reputation, a part of the fundamental right to life.

The top court, in *Subramanian Swamy versus Union of India*, in 2016, had concluded that the criminal defamation law was a "reasonable restriction" to the right to free speech and expression enshrined in Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution.

Justice Sundresh's single remark on Monday, mirroring the court's anxiety over the ramped-up use of the criminal defamation law, reopens the question raised in the Subramanian Swamy case as to whether "defamation of any person by a private person can be treated as a 'crime', for it does not serve any public interest".

The judge made the oral observation while heading a Bench hearing a petition filed by the Foundation for Independent Journalism, which manages *The Wire* news website, and a journalist, to quash summons issued to them by a court in a criminal defamation case filed by former Jawaharlal University Professor Amita Singh.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, for the petitioners, referred to the multiple times the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, had approached the top court to stay summons issued against him by trial courts on the basis of criminal defamation complaints filed by private individuals.

Staying the criminal proceedings in the lower court, the Bench tagged the foundation's petition with the batch of cases filed by Mr. Gandhi.

Recent months have seen various Benches of the top court stay summons in criminal defamation cases, with comments including "do not be so touchy" or "the court is not a forum to settle political scores". Justice Sundresh's comment is the latest addition to remarks from the Bench on the issue.

In January, the top court stayed criminal defamation proceedings against Mr. Gandhi for his remarks against Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

The following months had seen Mr. Gandhi move separate petitions against court summons in other criminal defamation cases over his alleged remarks during the Bharat Jodo Yatra on reported skirmishes between Indian and Chinese soldiers, and Hindutva ideologue V.D. Savarkar.

The top court had also stayed criminal defamation proceedings against Congress MP Shashi Tharoor on the basis of a complaint over his "scorpion on Shivling" comments allegedly targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

In its March 2025 judgment in the *Imran Pratapgarhi* case, the Supreme Court had quoted that words or acts claimed to be criminally defamatory "must be judged from the standards of reasonable, strong-minded, firm and courageous men, and not those of weak and vacillating minds, nor of those who scent danger in every hostile point of view".

Case file

Justice M.M. Sundresh's remark reopens the question of whether defamation by a private person can be treated as a crime

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- In recent months, various SC Benches have stayed summons in criminal defamation cases, often making critical comments such as 'do not be so touchy' or 'the court is not a forum to settle political scores'

Man killed by 'cow vigilantes' in Rajasthan; five arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BHOPAL

A 35-year-old man from Mandsaur in Madhya Pradesh was allegedly beaten to death by a group of cow vigilantes on suspicion of cow smuggling in Bhilwara district of Rajastha, the police said on Monday.

The incident took place on September 15, when Aasif Babu Multani and his cousin, Mohsin, were returning after buying cattle for their agricultural and dairy needs from a cattle market in Bhilwara.

The police said Aasif's brother, Manju Pemla, reported the matter at the Banera police station on September 17, alleging that the accused also snatched ₹36,000 and used his brother's phone to call the family to demand ₹50,000 more to spare his life.

Bhilwara Superintendent of Police Dharmendra Singh said five men had been arrested and a case registered under relevant provisions.

SC issues notice to Delhi Police on petitions seeking bail for Umar Khalid, others

Aaratrika Bhaumik
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday sought the Delhi Police's response on the bail pleas of activists Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam, Gulfisha Fatima, Meeran Haider and Shifa Ur Rehman in the larger conspiracy case linked to the 2020 Delhi riots.

A Bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and N.V. Anjaria issued notice and posted the matter for October 7 after the petitioners' counsel stressed the need for an expeditious hearing, pointing out that the accused have spent over five years in pre-trial incarceration.

Appearing for Mr. Khalid, senior advocate Kapil Sibal pressed for an earlier date.

"Before Diwali, so that they can be out by Diwali. They have been in custody for more than five years," he submitted.

Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Ms. Fatima, submitted that she was a student who had been behind bars for over five years. He pointed out that she had also moved an application for interim bail and urged the court to issue notice on it as well.

Umar Khalid

Justice Kumar, however, remarked, "We will finally dispose of the main petition itself."

The petitioners are among nine accused whose bail pleas were rejected by the Delhi High Court on September 2. A Division Bench of Justices Navin Chawla and Shalinder Kaur (since retired) had held that the accused played "*prima facie* grave" roles in the alleged conspiracy.

At the outset of the hearing, Justice Kumar apologised for the matter not being taken up on September 19. While no reasons were recorded in the order, he explained that the case could not proceed as his puisne colleague on the earlier Bench, Justice Manmohan, had recused citing his past association with Mr. Sibal's chamber.

Earlier, on September 12, the hearing had also been deferred after Justice Kumar noted that the voluminous case records had reached the judges' residences only after midnight.

The Delhi Police, represented by Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta and Special Public Prosecutor Amit Prasad, have alleged that the activists were the "intellectual architects" of the violence, which left 53 people dead and over 700 injured in February 2020, during protests against the Citizenship (Amendment) Act and the proposed National Register of Citizens.

Mr. Imam, the first to move the Supreme Court, has argued that more than five years of pre-trial incarceration amounts to punishment without trial.

Aerial bombing kills 23 civilians in border region of Pakistan

Agrence France-Presse
PESHAWAR

Opposition accuses the military of carrying out a raid in a counter-terrorism operation in Khyber

The Pakistan police and security sources said aerial bombing in a remote border region killed at least 23 civilians on Monday in an area where militancy has been rising.

Opposition MPs accused the military of carrying out the raid as part of a counter-terrorism operation, but no official statement has been released by the government or armed forces. Pakistani Taliban (TTP) militants have in recent months stepped up a campaign of violence against security forces in the mountainous areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province that border Afghanistan.

"It was the security force's aircraft that carried out the shelling. It's their shelling that killed 23 people," Iqbal Afridi, an Opposition member of the National Assembly whose constituency covers Tirah where the assault happened, said.

Speaking on Monday afternoon, provincial MP Sohail Khan Afridi also blamed the military. "This assault by the security forces is nothing less than an attack on unarmed civilians," he said.

Both MPs are members of jailed former Prime Minister Imran Khan's party, which controls Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

A senior police officer said seven women and four children were among the dead, without saying who carried out the assault.

"The jets targeted four houses, which were completely destroyed," he said. "Tirah is near the Pakistan-Afghan border and is home to multiple TTP hideouts. In recent months, there have been several attacks on security forces in this area."

The TTP once overran swaths of territory that borders Afghanistan, before a counter-terrorism operation that began in 2014 pushed them back. Tens of thousands of civilians were killed or displaced.

Top court calls reports on AI accident 'irresponsible', asks Centre, DGCA to reply

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday censured the "selective" release of the preliminary report of the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) on the June 12 Air India crash in Ahmedabad, and said media reports attributing blame to pilot error before the inquiry was complete was "irresponsible."

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and N. Kotiswar Singh issued notice to the Union government and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) "for the limited purpose of ensuring a fair, impartial and expeditious investigation by an expert body". The judges made it clear that they were not at this stage considering the public disclosure of any part of the probe.

"The selective and piecemeal publication of the preliminary inquiry report was unfortunate. Till the enquiry is complete, it is important to maintain absolute confidentiality," it observed. "Privacy and dignity must be respected, because even though the pilots are no more, their families are still there and will be affected by such leaks," the Bench observed.

Grim reminder: The wreckage of the Boeing Dreamliner plane at the Ahmedabad airport. VIJAY SONEJI

The court was hearing a petition filed by Safety Matters Foundation, a non-profit, seeking a court-monitored independent probe into the crash that killed 260 people.

The plea alleged that the preliminary report violated the Aircraft (Investigation of Accidents and Incidents) Rules, 2017, which mandate full disclosure of factual data gathered in the early stages of an inquiry.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, appearing for the non-profit, argued that even after more than 100 days, there was "no clarity" on what had transpired or what precautions were required to prevent such tragedies. The Bench expressed reservations about placing all information in the public domain before the probe was complete.

Mr. Bhushan questioned the composition of the AAIB probe team, noting that three of its five members were serving officers of the DGCA. This, he said, created "a very serious conflict of interest". Justice Surya Kant observed that the presence of serving officers did not necessarily imply bias.

SC refuses relief to actor Jacqueline Fernandez

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed a petition filed by actor Jacqueline Fernandez challenging the Delhi High Court's refusal to quash money laundering proceedings against her by the Directorate of Enforcement.

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, for Ms. Fernandez, said she had only received "gifts" from Sukesh Chandrasekhar, an accused in a ₹200-crore money laundering case.

Refusing to intervene, the Bench said that any observations made by the High Court would not prejudice Ms. Fernandez's efforts to seek further relief from the courts.

Justice Kant flags need for evaluation of judges

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court judge Justice Surya Kant on Monday highlighted the necessity of putting in place a "performance evaluation" mechanism for judges, with specific parameters and guidelines, to gauge and steer workflow on the Bench.

Justice Kant, who is next in line to be the Chief Justice of India, said he was not trying to be a "school principal" but underscored the value of introspection in every institution.

The remarks of the judge came while hearing a bail petition in a murder case from Jharkhand.

"There are judges who work day in and day out. Their disposal rate is outstanding. Unfortunately, there are judges who cannot deliver for reasons good or bad. We do not know. That depends on the circumstances," Justice Kant noted.

Judges must know what is the task before them and must deliver. This is the legitimate expectation of the public at large
JUSTICE SURYA KANT
Supreme Court judge

The judge pointed out the disposal rate for criminal appeals were different from bail cases.

Disposing one criminal appeal a day after extensive hearing cannot be used as a parameter for deciding on bail pleas. "Judges must know what is the task before them and must deliver. This is the legitimate expectation of the public at large," Justice Kant said.

Justice Kant said every jurist must self-evaluate. Cases cannot be allowed to piled up. He also said that adjournments cannot be a solution. Constant adjournments were demoralising, and even dangerous, he added.

Two top CPI (Maoist) leaders killed by security forces in Chhattisgarh

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

Police statement says that both carried an award of ₹40 lakh each announced by the State government

Two Central Committee members of the banned Communist Party of India (Maoist) were gunned down by security forces in an anti-Naxal operation conducted inside the Abujhmad forests in Narayanpur district of Chhattisgarh on Monday.

In a post on X, Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced that the two Maoists leaders, Katta Ramachandra Reddy and Kadari Satyanarayana Reddy, were killed along the Chhattisgarh-Maharashtra boundary.

A Chhattisgarh Police statement added that both were in their sixties and they carried an award of ₹40 lakh each announced by the Chhattisgarh government.

'Systematic operation'

"Our security forces are systematically dismantling the top leadership of the Naxals, breaking the backbone of red terror," Mr. Shah's post read.

Superintendent of Police (Narayanpur) Robinson Guria said Katta Ramachandra Reddy was called Raju Dada and also went by the aliases Gudsa Usendi, Vijay and Vikalp. He was 63-year-old and hailed from Karimnagar in Telangana, as did 67-year-old Kadari Satyanarayana, alias Kosa Dada, the other Central Committee member killed in Monday's operation.

The two killings come close on the heels of an operation in Chhattisgarh's Gariyaband where another Central Committee member Manoj, alias Modem Balakrishna, was killed on September 11.

Hours after Monday's operation, the Chhattisgarh Police issued a list stating that nine top Maoist cadres had been neutralised in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Andhra Pradesh since the beginning of 2025, apart from Sujatha's surrender, and issued another list saying that at least 10 top cadres (Central Committee and Polit Bureau members) were still active.

Intelligence inputs

On the operation, Mr. Guria said that it was launched after receiving intelligence inputs regarding Maoist movement in the Abujhmad region along the inter-State boundary.

"During the operation, there was an intermittent exchange of fire between the Maoists and the security forces since the morning hours of September 22. After the exchange of fire, the bodies of two male Maoist cadres were recovered along with weapons, explosives, and other materials from the spot," he said, adding that an AK-47 rifle, an INSAS rifle and a BGL launcher were part of the recoveries.

‘New GST reforms to boost savings, benefit all sections of society’

Modi pens letter calling for citizens to celebrate ‘GST savings festival’, says it marks era of lower taxes-higher savings for households and businesses

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

GST has united the entire nation economically. I urge State governments to encourage industry, manufacturing, and improvement of the investment climate
NARENDRA MODI
Prime Minister

A day after addressing the nation and hailing the new GST structure as one that will accelerate growth, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday wrote an open letter to the citizens, and said the country must celebrate the “GST Bachat Utsav (GST Savings Festival)” this festive season.

In the letter on the first day of Navratri, Mr. Modi said GST reforms had brought a positive change across the country.

The Prime Minister said the new GST structure would accelerate growth, boost savings and directly benefit all sections of society, including farmers, traders, and micro, small & medium enterprises (MSMEs).

The Prime Minister recalled the implementation of GST in 2017, and said the “nation’s GST journey... was a turning point in freeing our citizens and businesses from the web of multiple taxes”.

“GST united the entire nation economically. ‘One Nation One Tax’ brought uniformity and relief. The GST Council, with the active participation of both Centre and States, took many important pro-people decisions,” he said.

“Our collective goal is Viksit Bharat by 2047. To achieve it, walking on the path of self-reliance is imperative. These reforms strengthen our local manufacturing base, paving the way towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat,” he said, urging people to buy and sell ‘Made in India’ goods.

Mr. Modi urged the State governments to “encourage industry, manufacturing, and improvement of the investment climate”.

Earlier, at a press conference, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw highlighted the reduced prices of household goods and other essential items due to the GST cuts, and said the previous Congress-led regimes had levied steep taxes.

Stating that GST benefits are shared across all States, he said the reforms reflected the Prime Minister’s emphasis on cooperative federalism.

Increase in GDP

Mr. Vaishnaw said the reforms will lead to an estimated increase of ₹20 lakh crore in the country’s GDP, which is currently about ₹330 lakh crore. He stressed that the government is keeping a close watch to ensure that benefits of the rate cuts are passed on to the people of the country..

The Minister said that India has emerged as a key player in the global railway export market.

Modi says Congress has neglected northeast, hails GST rationalisation

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi felicitated by Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu during the inauguration of various development projects at a public meeting in Itanagar on Monday. PMO/PTI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday hailed the Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms as pro-people, and slammed the Congress for ignoring the northeastern region, comprising eight States, when it was in power.

Addressing a gathering in Itanagar after inaugurating energy, connectivity, and healthcare-related projects estimated at ₹5,100 crore, he came down heavily on the Congress for its “long-standing tendency” to avoid difficult development tasks, which had adversely affected Arunachal Pradesh and the rest of the north-eastern region.

The region suffered the most because the Congress had neglected it for its challenging terrain, he said.

“The Congress dismissed the habitations near the International Border as ‘last villages’ to shirk responsibility and conceal its failures. This neglect led to continuous migration from tribal and border areas,” Mr. Modi said.

Change in approach

The BJP-led government at the Centre had changed the approach towards the Northeast, re-labelled “last villages” as “first villages” and “backward” districts as “aspirational” districts, and prioritised their growth, he said.

The positivity of this shift had led to an accelerated pace of development through the “Vibrant Villages Programme”, significantly improving quality of life, he said.

“More than 450 border villages have witnessed rapid progress, with essential infrastructure such as roads, electricity, and Internet now reaching these regions. These villages are emerging as new hubs of tourism, helping check migration from border areas to the cities,” Mr. Modi said.

More than 450 border villages are emerging as new hubs of tourism and will also help in checking migration

The tourist footfall in Arunachal Pradesh had doubled over the past decade, with the State going beyond nature and culture to offer conference and concert tourism, he said. The upcoming modern convention centre in Tawang would add a new dimension to the State’s tourism landscape, Mr. Modi said.

Hydropower boost

Underlining the hydropower potential of the State, Mr. Modi laid the foundation stones of two major projects to be executed by North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of the National Thermal Power Corporation. These projects will have a combined capacity of 426 MW, and have an estimated cost of ₹3,700 crore.

The 240-MW Heo Hydro Electric Project, comprising three units of 80 MW each, in the Siyom sub-basin of Shi-Yomi district, will generate about 1,000 million units of electricity annually.

The 186-MW Tato-I Hydro Electric Project, comprising three units of 62 MW each, planned in the same district, will generate 803 million units of electricity annually.

‘PM’s vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat has made India self-reliant’

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s ‘Aatmanirbhar Bharat’ vision had made India self-reliant in defence, space, electronics, and many other key areas of development, Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan said here on Monday.

He was speaking while releasing two volumes of Mr. Modi’s selected speeches from June 2022 to May 2024.

‘Positive change’

A strong nation was not built on power alone but also character and unity, Mr. Radhakrishnan said. Quality education in the mother tongue, clean drinking water, sanitation, accessible healthcare, poverty eradication, clean energy, and climate action were powerful instruments of positive change in the lives of 1.4 billion Indians, he said.

The volumes have been compiled by the Publications Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Ashwini Vashnaw, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairperson Harivansh Narayan Singh, and officials were present at the event.

NDA takes a swipe at Cong. over CWC meet in Patna

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

National Democratic Alliance (NDA) leaders in Bihar on Monday raised questions over the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting which is going to be held for the first time in the State.

Reacting to the CWC meeting, Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) president and Union Minister Chirag Paswan termed it pressure tactics to bargain for more seats in the upcoming Assembly election.

“I see this meet as pressure politics, the way [RJD leader] Tejashwi Yadav is doing it by saying that he will contest elections on all 243 seats [in Bihar]. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi travelled throughout Bihar with Tejashwi Yadav during Voter Adhikar Yatra but remained silent on the question of projecting Tejashwi as CM candidate,” Mr. Paswan said while talking to reporters in Patna.

Mr. Paswan took a dig at the Congress and challenged the party to contest solo in the polls. Mr. Paswan said the Congress was the oldest party of the country but it could not dare to contest alone.

Janata Dal(U) State president Umesh Singh Kushwaha called it pressure politics to get more seats. “Congress has no existence in Bihar and they have called the CWC meeting to mount pressure on RJD...,” he said.

Seat-sharing talks in grand alliance positive, allies to decide CM face: Congress

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

Congress’s Bihar in-charge, Krishna Allavaru (right), and State chief Rajesh Kumar at a press meeting in Patna on Monday. ANI

Ahead of the Congress Working Committee meeting to be held here after decades, the party’s Bihar in-charge, Krishna Allavaru, on Monday said it had been fighting a “second war of Independence” in the State and hence the crucial meeting had been scheduled here for Wednesday.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and other top leaders, including the Chief Ministers of the Congress-ruled States, will be present at the meeting, he added.

“The party is fighting the second war of Independence in Bihar and that is why the Congress Working Committee is going to be held in the State. Sadaqat Ashram [the Congress’s Patna headquarters] happened to be the centre of fight against Britishers, and it will again turn into centre of the second war of Independence,” Mr. Allavaru told presspersons.

Asked about the sharing of seats among the Congress and other grand alliance partners for the Assembly election, Mr. Allavaru said, “Talks between alliance partners are going on a positive note, and we will soon come out with a viable formula. Once it is finalised, it will be made public. Our prime goal is to defeat the BJP and oust it along with its allies from power in Bihar,” he said. “But seat sharing has not been done yet among NDA allies and they seem to be in complete disarray.”

On the possibility of Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav, who is the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, being declared the Chief Ministerial candidate of the grand alliance, the Congress leader said, “It will be declared at an appropriate time when all alliance partners will sit together and decide.”

On Voter Adhikar Yatra

Mr. Allavaru said Mr. Gandhi’s Voter Adhikar Yatra that covered 1,300 km through 24 districts in the State “has become the centre of national politics”.

“At the meeting, the party leaders would strategise for the upcoming Assembly election which is crucial for the party as party leader Rahul Gandhi’s 14-day Voter Adhikar Yatra has energised the party’s rank and file after a long time. Besides, national issues too will be discussed,” Mr. Allavaru said.

“Nation’s politics is now centred around Bihar,” he said.

While launching a sharp attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mr. Allavaru said, “People should understand why PM Modi is not interested in solving their problems even after 11 years in power at the Centre. He is like a student who does not believe in getting marks through studies or hard work but gets pass marks through cheating.”

“The vote theft has been caught and exposed as everyone in Bihar has raised the slogan *vote chor, gaddi chhodd* (vote thief, leave the seat),” he said.

‘All five NDA partners in Bihar are working together for the polls’

Seat-sharing arrangements in NDA will be completed soon, says Bihar Deputy Chief Minister and BJP leader; on the Opposition’s allegations of corruption, he says the people of the State will decide

INTERVIEW

Samrat Choudhary

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

AMIT BHELARI

A prominent OBC face in the Bharatiya Janata Party, Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary says seat-sharing arrangements in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) for the coming Assembly election will be completed soon. He says Janata Dal(U) leader Nitish Kumar will remain the Chief Minister if the NDA forms the government, while expressing confidence that Jitan Ram Manjhi and Chirag Paswan will remain in the NDA. Edited excerpts:

How are the NDA preparations going?

Under the leadership of Nitish Kumar, Bihar NDA is standing strong, and we all five partners [BJP, JD(U), LJP(RV), HAM(S), and RLM] are working hard to break the record of 2010 election (NDA won 206 out of 243 seats).

There is perception that you act as a Super CM.

No, the party has given me responsibility, and I am the leader of the BJP’s Legislature Party. Nitish Kumar is the Chief Minister and he is the person who is delivering.

Will Nitish Kumar become the Chief Minister if the NDA forms the government?

Obviously, Nitish Kumar is the Chief Minister now and will remain CM tomorrow as well.

You are also the Finance Minister. Don’t you think that the numerous announcements made by the CM will become a burden on State treasury?

The government before 2005 used to spend only 25% of the total budget and today our government is spending 99%. It proves that we are utilising the money, and model of development has also changed. Under the Nitish government, expenditure and development are visible and people get the benefit.

The Opposition alleges that corruption and crime has increased manifold under the NDA government.

They don’t have any agenda. The allegation of corruption is on Lalu Prasad*ji*, his wife, son, daughter. They want to malign NDA’s name; they should give us proof. They should go to the people, who decide who is corrupt and who is not.

Will you contest?

If the party asks me to contest election, I am ready even at midnight. However, it is totally up to the party to decide.

You recently said this election is between Lalu*ji* and Nitish*ji*, then where is the BJP?

I had said this election is for *Modiwaad* and *Nitshwaad*. Nitish*ji* has patronage of Modi*ji* and we are following the leadership of Nitish*ji*. Modi*ji* is leading the country, and Nitish*ji* is leading the State.

I always say that RJD follows the theory of Lalu*ji* and whatever he says is followed in the party. If tomorrow Lalu*ji* says that someone else will be his successor, then he or she will become his successor. Just see how Tej Pratap Yadav has been thrown out of the party. So, people are with Modi*ji*-Nitish*ji* and Lalu*ji*. Congress is there, but the party doesn’t have any existence.

When will seat-sharing arrangements be done? Is it true that BJP and JD(U) will get 100 seats each and the rest would be for alliance partners?

It will be done soon when all NDA partners will sit together. I don’t know about the number of seats.

What about Chirag Paswan, he seems to be asking for more seats?

He himself has said that he is with NDA and seats do not matter; what matters is winning. NDA has the target of winning all 243 seats. Bihar’s future will be made with the help of Chirag*ji* and Manjhi*ji*.

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INBRIEF

Passenger held for trying to open cockpit door on flight

A passenger aboard an Air India Express flight from Bengaluru to Varanasi tried to open the cockpit door, mistaking it for a toilet, on Monday. The incident took place on flight IX 1086 when it was mid-air. The passenger involved was a first-time traveller, the airline said in a statement. The passenger and the group of eight travellers he was flying with were handed over to the Varanasi police. Air India Express said safety protocols were in place during the flight, and security was not compromised. Sources in the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) said the passenger expressed ignorance about the act as he was a first-time air traveller. The entire group was interrogated by the CISF.

Centre specifies tasks for Ministries during calamities

The Union Home Ministry on Monday entrusted various Ministries and departments with monitoring, prevention and mitigation of natural, industrial and chemical disasters. A notification said that the Ministry of Defence will look into hazards arising from avalanche and oil spills. While the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare shall be responsible for biological disasters, and the Earth Sciences Ministry will issue early warning alerts for earthquake, heavy rainfall, tsunami, and other such events. Landslides are to be monitored by the Ministry of Mines; nuclear emergencies by the Department of Atomic Energy, and floods and glacial lake outbursts are to be tracked by the Jal Shakti Ministry.

54 vessels are being built for Navy; 10 to join fleet this year

India has set a target of expanding naval strength to over 200 warships and submarines by 2035; exercise to enhance maritime security, build partner capabilities, promote regional cooperation

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

The Indian Navy is undertaking its largest-ever shipbuilding programme, with 54 vessels currently under various stages of construction in Indian shipyards.

The initiative is central to India's long-term maritime strategy, aimed at safeguarding national interests, and countering regional challenges from China and Pakistan.

Positioned as a "first responder" and "preferred security partner" in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), the Navy is advancing India's "SAGAR" (Security and Growth for All in the Region) vision. The shipbuilding exercise will strengthen the Navy in enhancing maritime security, build partners' capabilities, and promote regional cooperation.

According to senior officials, several ships are nearing delivery, with a few to be commissioned this year. All 54 vessels are expected to join the fleet by 2030.

India has set a target of expanding naval strength to over 200 warships and submarines by 2035, with the possibility of reaching 230 by 2037.

Made in India: Officials say the Indian Navy has transformed from a 'Buyer's Navy' to a 'Builder's Navy', with significant number of warships under construction in Indian shipyards. PTI

The indigenous drive is being powered by the government's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. Each project not only strengthens self-reliance in defence manufacturing, but also generates substantial employment across ancillary industries, an official said. "The Indian Navy has transformed from a 'Buyer's Navy' to a 'Builder's Navy', with significant number of warships under construction in Indian shipyards," the senior official noted. The Navy is also set to commission up to 10 domestically built warships by December 2025, marking one of the largest single-phase inductions in recent years.

Transition point

This year also marks a transition point in India's naval modernisation. On July 1, the Navy commissioned *INS Tamal*, a stealth multi-role frigate built in Russia – its last major warship constructed abroad. It was also the eighth *Krivak*-class frigate inducted over the past two decades.

At home, momentum in indigenous shipbuilding continues. The recent delivery of *INS Androth*, the second in a series of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) being built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, underscores the progress. With more than 80% indigenous content, *Androth* stands as a testament to India's growing capabilities, said another senior official.

The Navy's expanding shipbuilding programme highlights not just an increase in fleet size, but a strategic leap towards achieving long-term maritime self-reliance.

British PM Starmer likely to visit India in October to boost ties

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

Keir Starmer

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer is "likely" to visit India around the October 7-9 Global Fintech Fest in Mumbai, high-level diplomatic sources confirmed to *The Hindu* on Monday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mr. Starmer will hold summit-level talks during the visit, which comes a little more than two months after Mr. Modi visited the U.K. to attend the signing of the U.K.-India free trade agreement. The trade agreement is still working its way through the ratification process in the U.K. and is expected to come into effect only in 2026. The two sides are negotiating a bilateral investment treaty and announced a Technology Security Initiative in July last year.

There have been huge geopolitical upheavals especially in trade after the two men met in the last week of July. U.S.-India relations have been at a low not seen in years over a 50% tariff on Indian goods exported to the U.S. This includes a 25% "penalty" for India trading in energy and arms with Russia.

The EU has said it wants to upgrade ties with India but has expressed concerns about India engaging in military exercises with Russia and buying oil from that country.

Summit agenda

Apart from tech, defence, and security, the summit in India is also likely to see discussions around cooperation in the education sector, with several U.K. universities, such as the University of Southampton, opening campuses in India.

The trip is also an opportunity for Mr. Starmer, who is on the defensive, politically, at home and in need of showing he is making trade deals work for the British economy by creating jobs and bringing inward investment.

The Hindu has learnt that the two Prime Ministers are likely to visit one other city, apart from Mumbai. This location is still being finalised.

Protesters getting impatient, matters can go out of hand: Ladakh leader

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Civil society leaders from Ladakh who are demanding constitutional safeguards for the region, said on Monday that the Union Home Ministry's decision to call them for talks on October 6 was "unilateral".

They said the Ministry should have called the meeting sooner since the hunger strike by residents in Leh has entered the 13th day.

People gather during climate activist Sonam Wangchuk's 35-day fast over the demand for constitutional safeguard for Ladakh. PTI

Climate activist Sonam Wangchuk and other residents are sitting on a hunger strike, which they plan to continue for 35 days, in Leh amid demands for Statehood for Ladakh and inclusion of the Union Territory in the Sixth Schedule.

Speaking at a virtual press conference from Leh, Cherring Dorjay Lakruk, co-convener of the Leh Apex Body (LAB) which is spearheading the protests, said: "People are getting impatient now and matters can go out of our hands. So far, the hunger strike and our protests have been peaceful. Past experience shows that they (government) start taking us lightly if we do not exert pressure. The talks called by the Ministry are very late, they should take place as soon as possible."

Mr. Wangchuk said a delay in resolution of demands will affect the prospects of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the upcoming hill council elections.

"They (government) can even go to the extent of postponing the polls or dissolving the elections, but that would be akin to foul play. They (BJP) should honour the promise made during the 2020 hill council elections (on granting Sixth Schedule status to Ladakh)," he said.

When asked by *The Hindu* if Home Ministry officials have ever, in the past, promised granting of Statehood and Sixth Schedule status to Ladakh during the talks, Mr. Lakruk said, "When the Union Home Secretary came to Leh, he said that the next round of talks would focus on the two subjects."

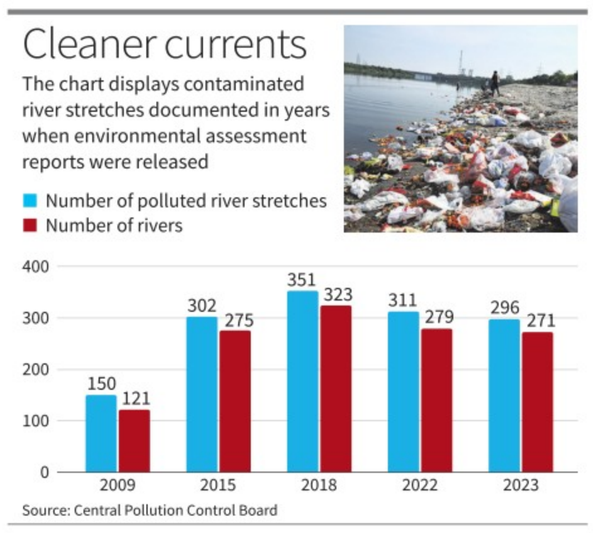
Mr. Wangchuk said it was not easy to fast at an altitude of 12,000 feet and despite challenges of dehydration, the people who had come from remote villages "bordering Tibet" were determined to continue the agitation.

Number of polluted river sites are showing a slight reduction: CPCB

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The number of locations in Indian rivers unfit to bathe saw an incremental dip to 807 in 2023 from 815 in 2022, according to a report by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) made public on Monday. There was, however, a reduction in the number of river locations considered "most polluted".

The agency monitors and compiles data in two-year phases on river health – specifically measuring a parameter called biological oxygen demand (BOD) of India's rivers. BOD is proxy for organic matter dissolved in water with a low number indicating a healthy river. A BOD greater than 3 milligrams per litre indicates rising pollution and is considered unfit for bathing.



Two continuous locations exceeding the criterion in a single river is counted as a 'polluted river stretch' (PRS).

PRS of rivers

In 2023, there were 296 PRS/locations found in 271 rivers. In 2022, there were 311 PRS/locations in 279 rivers.

Maharashtra (54) had the highest number of PRS or locations followed by Kerala (31), Madhya Pradesh and Manipur with 18 each, and Karnataka (14). However, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand had the highest number – five – of stretches or locations in 'Priority 1'.

In the 2022 assessment, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh had the highest number of 'Priority 1' river stretches (6), Maharashtra had the highest number of polluted river stretches at 55, followed by Madhya Pradesh (19), Bihar (18), Kerala (18), Karnataka (17), and Uttar Pradesh (17).

PRS with a BOD exceeding 30 mg per litre are considered 'Priority 1', meaning, the most polluted and thus needing urgent remediation. In the latest assessment, the number of 'Priority 1' stretches reduced to 37 from 45 over the 2022 assessment.

The CPCB network monitors water quality at 4,736 locations across the country including rivers, lakes, creeks, drains and canals.

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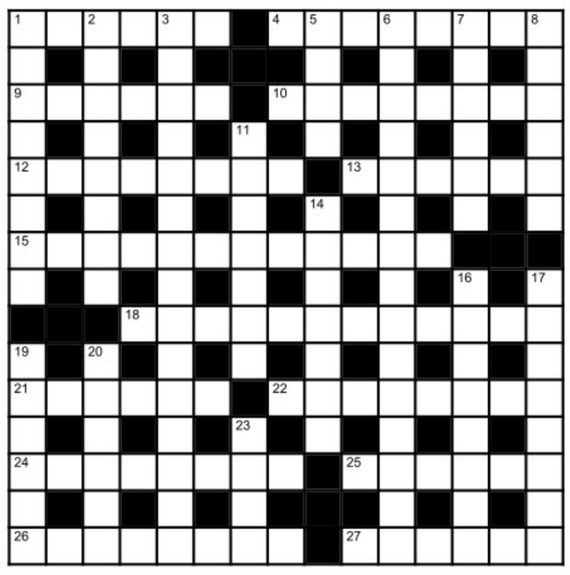

Across

1 Couple of pounds earned by prophet from vendor (6)
4 Wardrobe around the corner, positioned together (5-3)
9 Leader quits small bank, say (6)
10 Casual partner (8)
12 It's apple blended with pulse (5-3)
13 Spring found in Erode river? Not entirely (6)
15 Reflections of armies' rigor, top military training (6,6)
18 Unconditional authority for central bank from the beginning, each affected (5,7)
21 More or less a circle (6)
22 Have to cross, eat with wife in extreme climatic condition (4,4)
24 After intense interactions, rest taken leading to inertia (8)
25 Always right externally? Could lead to lapse (6)
26 Affected by con in southeast Norway (8)
27 Bolt from gully (6)

Down

1 Identical males dancing around female behind a corner (8)
2 Two large gates next to each other at department installed by owner (8)
3 Egocentric male, leading thespian creating a wave, say (15)
5 Clay and sand on top of land over a mountaintop (4)
6 Say, bureau of foreign affairs in USA (5,10)
7 Mood for whiskey, say (6)
8 A large dish given to youngster outside old city (6)
11 I had med earlier to settle (7)
14 Walk in between two rivers to the ranch house (7)
16 Meat cut from ganders cooked over coal primarily (5,3)
17 About to pay and move to another place (8)
19 Boy hikers regularly spotted with females (6)
20 Exaggerated talk by trio, ha it's trash (3,3)
23 Directed at home with no entrance (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Saunaka's explanations

Yudhishthira and the Pandavas are leaving for the forest, and Saunaka, along with other sages, wants to follow them. Yudhishthira and Saunaka have a conversation, said Kidambi Narayanan in a discourse. Saunaka tells Yudhishthira that wicked men are happy only when sadhus suffer. Those without jnana have unlimited desires, and want to go on acquiring material possessions, and are never satisfied with what they have. But even a man with jnana may stray from the right path. His indriyas are drawn by the many things that can be seen and heard in this world. His indriyas are like wild horses that cannot be controlled. Of course, whatever desires or inclinations he had in his previous birth, continue to some extent in his next birth too. So, if he had been interested in acquisition of wealth in his previous birth, that interest continues in this birth.

Because of his uncontrolled desires, man is like a moth that is drawn to a lighted lamp. The moth is attracted by the bright flame, and approaches it, only to be burnt to death. Likewise, man, attracted by worldly pleasures, gets caught in the repeated cycle of births and deaths. But a true jnani follows only one path – he does his duties, but remains unattached to the fruits of his actions. Saunaka tells Yudhishthira that there are eight paths to dharma – yaga, study, daana, penance, speaking the truth, patience, control of the senses and a desireless state.

The first four are called pitru yaana marga – that is doing these things just as one's ancestors did. The last four in the list are called deva yaana marga, that is following the path the devas follow. Here devas should be taken to mean sadhus.

INBRIEF

Govt. okays 25 lakh more LPG connections under PMUY

The Centre on Monday sanctioned 25 lakh additional LPG connections under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) during the current financial year. For this, the government would be spending ₹676 crore, including ₹512.5 crore for deposit-free connections at ₹2,050 per connection; ₹160 crore for the targeted subsidy announced in August, and ₹3.5 crore towards project management and administration expenses, among other things.

PhonePe trims losses to ₹1,727.4 cr. as revenue up 40%

Fintech major PhonePe has reported a narrowing of its consolidated losses to ₹1,727.4 crore in FY25, down from ₹1,996.1 crore in the preceding fiscal. The company's revenue from operations rose 40.5% from ₹5,064 crore in FY24 to ₹7,115 crore in FY25, according to data accessed from Tofler. PhonePe, which plans to file its Draft Red Herring Prospectus later this year, posted trifold growth in adjusted PAT to ₹630 crore in FY25, from ₹197 crore in the previous fiscal year. PTI

TruAlt Bioenergy's ₹839-crore IPO to open on Sept. 25

Biofuels producer TruAlt Bioenergy Ltd. on Monday fixed a price band of ₹472 to ₹496 per share for its upcoming ₹839-crore initial public offering (IPO). The company's maiden share sale will open for subscription on September 25 and conclude on September 29, according to a public announcement. TruAlt's IPO is a combination of a fresh issue of shares worth ₹750 crore and offer-for-sale (OFS) of 18 lakh shares valued at ₹89.28 crore at the upper end, by promoters. PTI

H-1B clarification has eased immediate worry: Nasscom

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

It is felt that Indian IT firms relying heavily on H-1B visas will still face significant cost hikes

Nasscom on Monday said the U.S. clarification that the H-1B visa fee hike will not affect current visa holders and will apply as a one-time fee only to fresh petitions has helped address the immediate ambiguity surrounding eligibility and timelines.

Further, Indian and India-centric companies operating in the U.S. have significantly reduced their dependencies on H-1B visas and are increasing local hiring, it said, adding that given this, "we anticipate only a marginal impact for the sector".

"Moreover, with the fee being applicable from 2026 onward, it gives companies time to further step up skilling programs in the U.S. and enhance local hiring," the apex industry body said. "The clarification makes clear that the measure will not affect current visa holders and will apply as a one-time fee only to fresh petitions. This has helped address the immediate ambiguity surrounding eligibility and timelines," it said.

The Indian IT industry breathed a lot easier after the U.S. government clarified that the H-1B visa application fee hike applies only to new applicants.

While some industry experts noted that they foresee no immediate adverse impact over the next 6-12 months as the hike takes effect only in the upcoming application cycle, others cautioned that the delay notwithstanding, there will be a deferred impact requiring eventual reassessment of business strategies by the IT companies, if the rule stays.

"It's only for a petition filed for now... If you file a new petition, it takes six months to one year for it to come up," former Infosys CFO and industry veteran Mohandas Pai said.

He added: "So, there's no worry for the next six months to one year, and after that we will see what happens." Sajai Singh, Partner at JSA Advocates and Solicitors, however, emphasised that while the immediate shock has muted slightly, it is just giving more time for the reality to set in.

"However, Indian IT companies that rely heavily on H-1B visas will still face significant cost increases, potentially disrupting business models and revenue streams," Mr. Singh said.

All this will bring the focus back on hiring local talent in the U.S. to reduce the dependence on H-1B visa holders, Singh said.

"Net-net, there may be a slight delay in the impact. But the impact will be there, requiring reassessment of business strategies," he added.

H1-B fee hike spooks 'dull' Indian IT stocks

The IT sector has already been receiving multiple blows this fiscal — from lower earnings and paycuts to the hike in new H1-B visa fee now

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MUMBAI

The Nifty IT index, which is representative of the IT sector, opened on a dull note and declined 2.95% to close at 35,500.15 points, in an apparent response to the H1-B visa fee hike announced by the U.S.

Barring Oracle, all companies in the nine stock index declined, with MPhasis falling 4.7% and HCL declining 1.7% from the previous close. The sector has been receiving multiple blows in the financial year - from lower earnings, disruptions from artificial intelligence and delayed pay hikes, to the rise in fees for new H1-B visas. Analysts say that the staggered policy moves make it difficult to take a call on the state of IT companies and their stocks. They, however, agreed that while these were not the best of times for the IT sector, it was not a "crash" given their importance to the U.S.

"I think these are short-term noise rather than something structural, because Indian IT is the last resort for the U.S.," said Sushovon Nayak, research analyst at Anand Rathi Institutional Equities.

"A lot of this could even be to appease Mr. Trump's core voters in the run up to the mid-term elections in the U.S.," he said. He further said that IT companies had enough risk mitigation strategies like local hiring and increased nearshoring/offshoring.

Clients of Indian IT firms may also understand the situation and take some hit in the short term, while the firms themselves may start sub-contracting some operations to deal with the uncertainty in the short term, Mr. Nayak added. These strategies reflected the structural resilience of the Indian IT sector, he said.

"While there is scope for optimism, the occurrence of a rally could well be possible if Mr. Trump's sanction-like action on Indian IT employees are rendered invalid by the American courts," said V.K. Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services Ltd. He further said that IT stocks, as in the case of other sector stocks, were overvalued when compared with their financial performance.

Future tense: Analysts say the staggered policy moves made it difficult to predict the state of IT firms and their stocks. FILE PHOTO

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	MONDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	82,160	-0.56
US Dollar	88.28	-0.13
Gold	1,16,200	1.92
Brent oil	66.42	—

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2629.50	105.50
Adani Ports	1444.20	16.40
Apollo Hosp	7739.00	-67.50
Asian Paints	2482.70	1.00
Axis Bank	1144.40	8.50
Bajaj Auto	9054.50	83.00
Bajaj Finserv	2069.50	2.20
Bajaj Finance	1006.50	14.05
Bharat Elec	406.40	-2.50
Bharti Airtel	1956.20	-6.20
Cipla	1542.20	-33.60
Coal India	394.70	0.20
Dr Reddys Lab	1301.40	-20.30
Eicher Motors	6946.00	-27.50
Eternal Ltd.	341.85	5.30
Grasim Ind	2854.10	-23.80
HCL Tech	1439.90	-27.50
HDFC Bank	964.20	-2.70
HDFC Life	787.80	5.60
Hero MotoCorp	5429.50	21.50
Hindalco	745.70	2.40
Hind Unilever	2572.20	12.60
ICICI Bank	1401.50	-0.70
IndusInd Bank	734.30	-10.10
Infosys	1499.50	-40.70
ITC	406.95	-3.70
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	313.85	-3.15
JSW Steel	1117.00	-5.80
Kotak Bank	2021.70	-9.30
L&T	3644.50	-30.90
M&M	3584.80	-7.30
Maruti Suzuki	15816.00	-48.00
NestleIndia	1188.30	-6.20
NTPC	339.20	0.55
ONGC	237.47	0.78
PowerGrid Corp	286.65	0.45
Reliance Ind	1390.60	-16.80
SBI Life	1857.70	16.00
State Bank	855.25	-7.10
Shriram Finance Ltd.	627.85	-5.35
Sun Pharma	1644.00	-12.00
TataConsumerProduct	1130.10	3.30
Tata Motors	696.25	-11.20
Tata Steel	171.39	-0.09
TCS	3073.80	-95.40
Tech Mahindra	1505.40	-48.40
Titan	3457.50	-9.70
Trent Ltd.	5010.50	-69.50
UltraTech Cement	12650.00	142.00
Wipro	250.33	-5.55

Hero Group arm gets ₹1,000 cr. from SBI for hybrid project

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Hero Future Energies has secured a ₹1,024 crore funding from State Bank of India (SBI) to finance a hybrid project in Andhra Pradesh.

The 60 MW project, which combines solar, wind and storage, and is contracted with SECI, is being built in Kurnool district of the southern state.

Funding worth ₹10,240 million (₹1,024 crore) has been secured through SPV (special purpose vehicle) Clean Solar Power Barmer.

The funds will be utilised for the development and construction a 60 MW hybrid peak power project, the company said.

This funding, which will have repayment spread over a period of 21 years, will help in timely completion of the said peak power project. The renewable energy arm of the Hero Group, HFE is backed by leading global investors such as International Finance Corporation (IFC) and KKR.

Draft rules to regulate coal exchange

The Coal Ministry on Monday floated a draft legislation seeking to appoint a Coal Controller Organisation (CCO) to register and regulate coal exchanges to be established in the country. Prospective coal exchange operators would be required to operate under the guidelines set by the CCO.

'India's H-1B visa dependence on a decline in last 6-8 years'

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

Though most Indian IT firms still have considerable dependence on H-1B visas as percentage to staff base in the U.S., this proportion has been on the decline over last 6-8 years, industry observers said.

For instance, 2016 saw 8,473 H-1B visa approvals for the top six tech providers comprising TCS, Infosys, Wipro, HCL Tech, Tech M and LTIMindtree against 43,860 applications while in 2024, these players received 7,105 H1-B visa approvals against 24,269 applications, as per Equirus Securities, a brokerage tracking tech sector.

Interestingly, so far in CY2025, these firms received 2,144 H-1B visas against a total of 14,056 applications they put in cumulatively, indicating a huge slide in the number of applications from earlier years. Equirus Securities also observed there was a negative growth (CAGR) both in terms of total visa approvals and the total number of applications they submitted between 2016 and 2024 at -2.2% and -7.1%, respectively.

Avinash Vashistha, chairman and CEO, Tholons, a GCC consulting and IT services firm and former chairman and CEO Accenture India, told *The Hindu*: "The new visa fee structure will force both Indian tech providers and U.S counterparts to tweak talent strategies and talent deployment to reduce dependence on H1-B visas."

There is also a worry of tariffs on software exports to the U.S.

Reassess dependence

With higher costs and added friction for sponsoring foreign workers, many firms were already reassessing dependence on U.S. visas and leaning more heavily on Global Capability Centres (GCCs) or Dedicated Delivery Centres (DDCs), observed Sachin Alug, CEO, NLB Services, a staffing solutions firm based in Atlanta.

Atul Gupta, partner- labour and employment, Trilegal, a full-service law firm, said, "Indian service providers and U.S clients will need to think hard about which roles and positions warrant such a steep investment," Mr. Gupta further said adding, it was quite likely many positions (jobs) would shift to neighbouring countries in the same or similar time zone (like Canada or Mexico) or come back to India.

Therefore, it opened up additional opportunities for Indian tech firms to boost value proposition in handling more core services from India and strengthening GCC capabilities.

Prawega Tech Solutions, Founder CEO, Vasishta Haavanur said the $1,00,000 visa regime would only further shrink operating margins of Indian tech firms.

Meanwhile, several mid-cap tech firms in India such as Mphasis, Hexaware, Persistent Systems, Cyient, said they have been reducing reliance on H-1B visa in the last couple of years by raising local hiring (in the U.S)and deploying AI. The visa fee hike came up even as Indian IT sector is worried about the possible slapping of tariffs on software exports to U.S.

"Well, tariffs on software exports is the only thing that is left now. If that happens, even if it is 10% or 25%, it would mean the death knell for India's current tech ecosystem," cautioned B.S Murthy, CEO, Leadership Capital, a CXO advisory firm.

Amid U.S. tariff row, Vaishnaw shifts to Zoho

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Minister of Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Monday he was shifting to the Tenkasi, Tamil Nadu-based Zoho's software suite for preparing documents, slide-show presentations and spreadsheets.

"I am moving to Zoho – our own Swadeshi platform," Mr. Vaishnaw said. The Minister "urged all to join the PM [Narendra Modi]'s call for Swadeshi by adopting Indian products and services (like Zoho)," an official said.

The Minister's post on X comes in the backdrop of trade talks with the U.S., which has slapped cumulative tariffs of 50% on goods imported from India.

Mr. Vaishnaw has used Microsoft's PowerPoint product for slide-show presentations in the past. The two largest office productivity software suite makers by market capitalisation – Microsoft and Google – are U.S. firms.

Zoho logged more than $1 billion in annual revenue and operates in multiple countries with offices in the U.S. as well. Zoho was given a contract last year to maintain email inboxes across Union Ministries.

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Sd/-
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1. On behalf of President of India, **item rate E-Tender** is invited from Contractors of appropriate class for the following works

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Name of Work	**Supply Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 10kWP (minimum capacity) to 50kWP (maximum capacity) capacity (totalling to 380 kWP) Rooftop Solar Power Plant at various location of ISTRAC, ISRO**
Estimate cost put to tender	**Rs. 230.00 Lakhs**
Tender Document details	**E-Tender**
Period of completion	**Six (06) Months**
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	From 16.00 hrs. on 16.08.2025 to 06.09.2025 till 16.00 hrs. Extended up to 17.09.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. **Further Extended up to 03.10.2025 up to 16.00 hrs.**
Bid clarifications	From 11.00 hrs. on 17.08.2025 to 07.09.2025 till 16.00 hrs. Extended up to 18.09.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. **Further Extended up to 04.10.2025 up to 16.00 hrs.**
Last date of reply to Bid clarification	08.09.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. Extended up to 19.09.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. **Further Extended up to 06.10.2025 up to 16.00 hrs.**
Last date & time of receipt of tenders	09.09.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. Extended up to 20.09.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. **Further Extended up to 07.10.2025 up to 16.00 hrs.**
Due date and time of opening of tenders	11.09.2025 after 11.00 hrs. Extended up to 22.09.2025 after 11.00 hrs. **Further Extended up to 09.10.2025 up to 11.00 hrs.**
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MOSCOW

Russia and Ukraine trade blame for deadly strikes on civilian areas

REUTERS

Russia and Ukraine swapped accusations of deadly drone strikes on civilian areas of their countries on Monday as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy anticipated "an intense week" of diplomacy at the UN General Assembly in New York, where the Security Council was expected discuss the more than three-year war. AP

MOSCOW

Iran's nuclear chief in Moscow for an agreement on power plants

REUTERS

The head of Iran's atomic energy organisation, Mohammad Eslami, has arrived in Moscow for talks, as the UN considers whether to reimpose sanctions on Tehran over its nuclear programme. There is a plan to construct eight nuclear power plants as Tehran seeks to reach 20 GW of nuclear energy capacity by 2040. REUTERS

MANILA

More than 200 arrested, including 88 minors, at Philippines protests

AFP

Anxious Filipino parents braved the rain outside Manila's police headquarters on Monday, after more than 200 people were held in clashes that erupted during the weekend at anti-graft protests. At least 88 minors were among those taken into custody as police deployed water cannon against crowds of protesters. AFP

THE HAGUE

ICC prosecutors charge Duterte with crimes against humanity

AP

ICC prosecutors charged ex- Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte with three counts of crimes against humanity, alleging his role in at least 76 murders as part of his "war on drugs." A charge sheet dated July 4 but made public on Monday lays out the accusations against the 80-year-old, currently sitting in ICC detention in The Hague. AFP

France and other countries prepare to recognise a Palestinian state at UN

More than 140 world leaders to descend on New York for the annual United Nations General Assembly; one world leader who will miss the gathering is Mahmoud Abbas, the Palestinian President whom Washington denied a visa, sparking rebuke

Agence France-Presse
NEW YORK

France and other countries prepared to recognise a Palestinian state as the UN's centerpiece diplomatic week got underway on Monday, following a rash of Western governments in symbolically endorsing statehood and sparking Israel's wrath.

Recognition by Britain, Canada, Australia and Portugal on Sunday of a Palestinian state piled pressure on Israel as it intensifies its war in Gaza, which has killed tens of thousands, devastated the enclave and drawn rebukes from allies.

Cry for help: A Palestinian man reacts as people try to rescue his daughter after Israeli strikes in Gaza City on Monday. REUTERS

President Emmanuel Macron has indicated France will follow suit on Monday as he prepares to host a meeting with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohamed Bin Salman on the moribund two-state solution – Palestinian and Israeli co-existence. "They want a nation, they want a state, and we should not push them towards Hamas," Mr. Macron said on Sunday. He also said he would make the release of hostages taken by Hamas during its October 7, 2023, attack on Israel a precondition of opening an embassy to the Palestinian state.

Israel's Foreign Ministry said the recognition moves do not "promote peace, but on the contrary further destabilises the region and undermines the chances of achieving a peaceful solution."

More than 140 world leaders will descend on New York this week for the annual United Nations General Assembly, which will be dominated by the Palestinian question.

Abbas to speak

One world leader who will miss the gathering is Mahmoud Abbas, the Palestinian President whom Washington denied a visa, along with his officials. That earned a rebuke from the General Assembly, which will be the focus of world leaders' speeches and protest walkouts this week. The assembly voted 145 to five to exceptionally allow Mr. Abbas to speak via video link.

Kim is open to U.S. talks, has 'fond memories' of Trump

Agence France-Presse
SEOUL

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un says he has "fond memories" of U.S. President Donald Trump and is open to future talks with the United States – if he can keep his nuclear arsenal.

Mr. Kim met Mr. Trump three times for high-profile summits during Mr. Trump's first term, before talks collapsed in Hanoi in 2019 over what concessions Pyongyang was prepared to make on its atomic weapons.

The U.S. demand that Mr. Kim give up his banned weapons has long been a sticking point between the two countries, with Pyongyang under successive rafts of UN sanctions over its nuclear and missile programmes.

Kim Jong-un

"If the U.S. discards its delusional obsession with denuclearisation and, based on recognising reality, truly wishes for peaceful coexistence with us, then there is no reason we cannot meet it," Mr. Kim said. "I still personally hold fond memories of the current U.S. President, Trump," Mr. Kim added, in a wide-ranging speech to the country's Supreme People's Assembly.

Since the failed 2019 summit, North Korea has repeatedly said it will never give up its atomic weapons and declared itself an "irreversible" nuclear state.

"The world already knows well what the United States does after it forces a country to give up its nuclear arms and disarm," he said.

Mr. Kim also added he had "no reason to sit down with South Korea", even as Seoul's new President Lee Jae-myung has sought to ease tensions with the North.

"We make it clear that we will not deal with them in any form," he said.

China announces two-month social media crackdown

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

China's top Internet regulator announced on Monday a sweeping two-month crackdown on social media, vowing to combat content containing "malicious incitement of conflict" and "negative outlooks on life such as world-weariness."

Beijing requires social media companies to moderate content on their platforms, with posts strictly controlled to avoid anything deemed to be too subversive, vulgar, pornographic or generally harmful.

The notice from the Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC) follows announcements of penalties this month against three popular digital platforms, which it said had neglected content management duties.

Punitive measures

On Saturday, the CAC said it would carry out "disciplinary and punitive measures" against micro-blogging platform *Weibo* and short video platform *Kuaishou*, accusing them of highlighting celebrity news and "undesirable" content.

Trump and supporters bid farewell to right-wing campaigner Charlie Kirk

Agence France-Presse
GLENDALE

At the memorial event for slain U.S. right-wing activist Charlie Kirk on Sunday, President Donald Trump and his supporters celebrated the 31-year-old's life using the language of religious fervour.

"He's a martyr now for American freedom," Mr. Trump said of Kirk, who was killed on September 10 at a Utah university campus.

Mr. Trump was the final speaker to address nearly 65,000 people at the event, held at a stadium in the southwestern U.S. State of Arizona, with people coming from far and wide to pay their respects.

Supportive shoulder: Donald Trump embraces Erika Kirk during a memorial service for her husband in Arizona on Sunday. REUTERS

"I look at him as a Christ martyr, definitely," said Monica Mirelez, a 44-year-old nurse who drove more than 12 hours from Texas to attend Kirk's memorial.

"It's so sad that he was silenced like this," Mirelez continued, adding that "it feels like losing a brother."

The crowd at Kirk's memorial was decked out in red, white, and blue, greeting Mr. Trump and other speakers with chants of "USA! USA! USA!"

Ms. Mirelez said she supported Kirk as a fellow Christian, finding that "his political views were basically backed up by the Bible."

"He stood up for biblical principles, against the LGBTQ community... That brought him a lot of hate from a lot of people, but I think he was misunderstood," she said.

Speakers and attendees also expressed a sense of solidarity in the wake of Kirk's killing.

'Russia to stick to nuclear arms limits for one more year'

Associated Press
MOSCOW

Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Monday that Moscow will adhere to nuclear arms limits for one more year under the last remaining nuclear pact with the U.S. that expires in February, and he urged Washington to follow suit. Mr. Putin declared that the termination of the 2010 New START would be destabilising and could fuel proliferation of nuclear weapons.

"To avoid provoking a further strategic arms race and to ensure an acceptable level of restraint, we believe it is justified to try to maintain the *status quo* established by the New START Treaty during the current, rather turbulent period," Mr. Putin said in televised remarks. "Therefore, Russia is prepared to keep adhering to the central quantitative limitations of the New START Treaty for one year after Feb. 5, 2026." Arms control advocates long have voiced concern about the treaty's looming expiration and warned that it could fuel a new round of nuclear arms race and increase the risk of a nuclear conflict.

Sport

Financial unstability pulls UP Rudras out of Hockey India League

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

In a major setback to the Hockey India League, UP Rudras has decided to step away from the competition after just one season, citing doubts over financial sustainability, becoming the second team from the men's section to withdraw and leaving the competition with only seven teams at the moment.

The decision, communicated to Hockey India and officially announced on Monday, has raised doubts over not just the finances of the league but also the long-term continuation of the HIL itself.

"We value what the league has brought to Indian hockey, but sustainability challenges made continuation untenable. Our responsibility now is to direct resources where they can have the greatest long-term impact and grassroots development," UP Rudras Team Director Cedric D'Souza said in a statement.

The decision, coming just two days before the scheduled players' mini-auction ahead of HIL's second season, has also put a question mark on the future of the franchise's players.

HI secretary general Bhola Nath Singh, however, insisted that player interest remained the main priority and the federation would manage things.

Team World reclaims the Laver Cup

Reuters
SAN FRANCISCO

Taylor Fritz delivered the decisive blow at the Laver Cup on Sunday by beating Alexander Zverev 6-3, 7-6 (4) as Team World completed a 15-9 win over Team Europe to reclaim the men's team competition title.

The win marked Team World's third triumph in eight editions following back-to-back wins in 2022 and 2023, and sparked jubilant celebrations from captain Andre Agassi's side at the Chase Center.

Team World had built a 9-3 lead after a clean sweep on Saturday, but with wins worth three points on the final day there was still much to play for with four matches scheduled to reach the 13 points needed to prevail. Carlos Alcaraz teamed up with Norway's Casper Ruud to open proceedings, earning a 7-6(4), 6-1 win over American pair Alex Michelsen and Reilly Opelka to narrow the gap.

Proud moment: Team World claimed its third title in eight years. AP

However, Team Europe found itself on the back foot again when Australia's Alex De Minaur breezed past 20-year-old Czech Jakub Mensik 6-3, 6-4 it make it 12-6 in favour of Team World.

U.S. Open champion Alcaraz kept Team Europe's hopes alive by dispatching Argentina's Francisco Cerundolo 6-2 6-1, leaving his team just three points adrift of their opponents.

Zverev then had the opportunity to level the scores at 12-12 and force a one-set doubles playoff but he was unable to get past Fritz.

Get Lucky obliges in feature

HYDERABAD: Trainer K. Satheesh's ward Get Lucky, ridden by Md. Ekram Alam, claimed the Noble Quest Plate, the chief event of Monday's (Sept. 22) races. The winner is owned by M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar Of Chettinad Charitable Trust.

1. SHIV KUMAR LAL MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. II) (1,100M): SHOOLIN (B. Nikhil) 1, Her Ladyship (Mukesh K) 2, Dream To Fly (G. Naresh) 3 and Hawk King (H.M. Akshay) 4. 1-1/4, 1/2 and 3-3/4. 1m, 7.86s. ₹97 (w), 22, 10 and 11 (p). SHP: 35, THP: 35, SHW: 45 and 12, FP: 529, Q: 107, Tanala: 1,581. Favourite: Her Ladyship. Owner: Mr. Rohit Gupta rep. Rolli Stud Dairy & Agri. Farm. Trainer: Magan Singh.

2. NALGONDA PLATE (1,200M): EMERALD TOUCH (A. Ashad Asbar) 1, State Man (Mukesh K) 2, Foxy Girl (H.M. Akshay) 3 and Divine Faith (Akshay K) 4. Not run: Roxanne. 1-1/2, 7-1/4 and 7-1/2. 1m, 13.17s. ₹14 (w), 10, 10 and 10 (p). SHP: 15, THP: 24, SHW: 10 and 18, FP: 22, Q: 21, Tanala: 86. Favourite: Emerald Touch. Owner: Mr. N. Shyam Sunder. Trainer: N. Rawal.

3. G. SUDHAKAR REDDY MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,600M): SUNNY DAY (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 1, Elegant Lady (Rafique Sk.) 2, Lego (Ashad Asbar) 3 and Silver Arrow (P. Sai K) 4. 2-1/4, 3-1/2 and 2. 1m, 41.93s. ₹30 (w), 16, 13 and 28 (p). SHP: 44, THP: 41, SHW: 15 and 21, FP: 73, Q: 37, Tanala: 317. Favourite: Lego. Owner: Mr. Suresh Chintamaneni. Trainer: Ananta Vatsalya.

4. SHIV KUMAR LAL MEMORIAL CUP (DIV. I) (1,100M): N R I HIGH POWER (Mukesh Kumar) 1, Only The Brave (P. Sai K) 2, Mexican Wave (Abhay Singh) 3 and Clarity (Ajay K) 4. 2, 5-3/4 and 2. 1m, 7.29s. ₹14 (w), 10, 25 and 13 (p). SHP: 50, THP: 23, SHW: 10 and 108, FP: 48, Q: 62, Tanala: 314. Favourite: N R I High Power. Owners: M/s. Ravinder Reddy Male, Suchit Jayraj Shah & Prabhakar Chowdary Tripuraneni. Trainer: D. Netto.

5. NOBLE QUEST PLATE (1,800M): GET LUCKY (Md. Ekram Alam) 1, Akido (Nakhat) 2, N R I Superpower (H.M. Akshay) 3 and Livermore (Mukesh K) 4. 1-1/4, 1/2 and 3/4. 1m, 53.74s. ₹18 (w), 10, 15 and 10 (p). SHP: 202, THP: 38, SHW: 13 and 72, FP: 137, Q: 136, Tanala: 595. Favourite: Get Lucky. Owner: M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar Of Chettinad Charitable Trust. Trainer: K. Satheesh.

6. TAJ MAHAL PLATE (1,100M): SURYAVANSHI (Surya Prakash) 1, Ek (Afroz K) 2, Cypress (Kuldeep Sr.) 3 and Smart Operator (Ashad Asbar) 4. Not run: Kitsune. 12-1/2, Neck and Short Head. 1m, 7.42s. ₹30 (w), 13, 60 and 29 (p). SHP: 132, THP: 74, SHW: 25 and 42, FP: 836, Q: 561, Tanala: 4,736. Favourite: Smart Operator. Owners: Mr. Ravi Teja Addepalli & Mr. Srinivasa Rao Mogli. Trainer: M.F. Ali Khan. Jackpot: 70%: ₹2,110 (210 tkts.) & 30%: 89 (2,112 tkts.).
Mini Jackpot: 1,219 (27 tkts.).
Treble: (i) 1,688 (10 tkts.), (ii) 158 (165 tkts.).

CLICKING

Shuffling the batting order worked for us as well as Saim: Farhan

REUTERS

We shuffled the batting order, and that also worked well for Saim Ayub [at No. 3]. Fakhar Zaman played the way he does. When boundaries come from the other end too, it gives me a lot of confidence. It builds pressure otherwise — Pakistan's Sahibzada Farhan on the new opening combination with Fakhar Zaman

MOVE ON

Have to forget the loss and focus on upcoming games: Asalanka

AP

We know that it is a must-win game for us. We lost the last one badly against Bangladesh. But we have to forget that game and start thinking about the others. If we win both the next matches, we can easily go to the final — Sri Lanka skipper Charith Asalanka on the contest against Pakistan on Tuesday.

LEGEND IS COMING

Bolt to visit Mumbai for exhibition football game on October 1

REUTERS

Sprint legend Usain Bolt will trade his running spikes for football boots as he is set to visit India for an exhibition match in Mumbai on October 1. Bolt will represent Bengaluru FC and Mumbai City FC, playing one half for each, in Puma's two-day celebration, starting on September 30. The exhibition match will be a ticketed event.

TOO CLOSE

Bengaluru Bulls survives a late surge to pip Gujarat Giants

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Bengaluru Bulls edged out Gujarat Giants 28-24 in a PKL-12 match in Jaipur on Monday. Despite a late surge from the Giants, it was the Bulls' defensive discipline, led by skipper Yogesh, that made the difference with his six points alongside Akash Shinde's seven points. In the other match, UP Yoddhas beat Tamil Thalaivas 39-22.

India-Pakistan is not a rivalry anymore, says Suryakumar

The dominance in recent years has tilted the scales in favour of the Men In Blue; since a loss in the 2022 Asia Cup, the Indian team has notched up seven successive victories against its neighbour in the white-ball formats

CRICKET

Vivek Krishnan
DUBAI

On April 18 next year, it will be precisely 40 years since a six from Javed Miandad's bat shattered Indian hearts.

For a brief recap, Pakistan needed four runs from the final delivery of the Austral-Asia Cup final in Sharjah – a 50-over event – when the maverick genius from Karachi, batting on 110, deposited Chetan Sharma's low full-toss into the stands over deep mid-wicket and sealed a dramatic one-wicket win.

That singular moment of brilliance from Miandad consigned the Indian pacer, all of 20 years old then, to ignominy despite some subsequent accomplishments in his career. But more significantly, it went on to have repercussions on the psyche of the two teams for the next 15-odd years.

Before that, India was just marginally ahead in the head-to-head battle against the neighbour with eight wins and seven losses in 16 ODIs.

Bragging rights: The Indian teams have had the wood over Pakistan in recent times. AP

But Miandad's heist in Sharjah's humid air sparked a period of prosperity for Pakistan. In 68 ODIs from then till 2000, the mercurial bunch maintained a stranglehold over India with 44 wins and just 21 defeats.

All of this is to simply highlight that the tables have well and truly turned in the past two decades. So much so that India skipper Suryakumar Yadav, after a six-wicket win over Pakistan in a Super Four clash of the Asia Cup on Sunday, doesn't think there is a rivalry anymore. It is important to note in this context that even when Pakistan was superior in the 1990s, the edge to the contest was intact because of India's wins in ODI World Cup meetings.

"According to me, if two teams play 15-20 matches and if [head-to-head] it is 7-7 or 8-7, then that is called a rivalry and good cricket. But 13-0, 10-1... I don't know what the stats are. But this is not a rivalry anymore," Suryakumar, with a smirk planted on his face, told the media.

Cold numbers bear testimony. Since India suffered a five-wicket loss in the 2022 Asia Cup, it has notched up seven straight wins across the two white-ball formats. Out of 15 T20Is, since the first encounter in 2007, India has won 12 while Pakistan just thrice.

In ODIs, 29 victories in 51 games since 2003, including across World Cups, encapsulates the supremacy of the Men in Blue.

Beyond the data, the lack of individual match-ups to arouse excitement is a worrying indicator of Pakistan's talent drain. On Sunday, Salman Agha's men did mount a better effort compared to a week ago by recording a total of 171 for five to seemingly give the Shaheen Afridi-led attack a chance.

But Abhishek Sharma and Shubman Gill, courtesy an opening stand of 105 runs, responded by unleashing their breathtaking repertoire of shots to effectively make a mockery of the target. As fours and sixes rained from the bats of these best mates in another comfortable win, it was hard to avoid the impression that Miandad's six all those years ago had been firmly relegated to the annals of history.

A must-win game for both Pakistan and Sri Lanka

ASIA CUP

Dhruva Prasad
ABU DHABI

With India emerging as the overwhelming tournament favourite, the Asia Cup has resembled a contest to determine the continent's 'second-best' team. With a spot in the final on the line, Pakistan and Sri Lanka will fight it out for a claim to that honorific when they meet in the third Super Four contest at the Zayed Cricket Stadium here on Tuesday.

Coming off defeats to India and Bangladesh, respectively, only a win can ensure Pakistan and Sri Lanka have their destiny in their hand. The losing team will remain alive, but only mathematically, and will rely on favourable results as well as Net Run Rate permutations to go its way.

Pakistan and Sri Lanka's fates are tied as much as their past. They endured a match-turning slowdown in the middle-overs after a bright PowerPlay in their previous defeats. Both batting line-ups have also exhibited a susceptibility to collapses against unfancied teams, with Pakistan's middle-order being rocked by the UAE and Sri Lanka almost frittering away a winning position against Hong Kong.

With uncertainty lingering lower down the order, the onus to deliver will be on in-form Pakistan opener Sahibzada Farhan (132 runs) and his Sri Lankan counterpart Pathum Nissanka (146).

Today's match
SUPER 4S
Pakistan vs. Sri Lanka
Abu Dhabi, 8 p.m. IST
HEAD-TO-HEAD T20Is
Played: 23
Pakistan 13 | Sri Lanka 10
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Suiting the pacers

The surfaces here, unlike those in Dubai, have suited the quicks more, and both sides are likely to stick to their strategy of picking two specialist seamers, backed up by a seam-bowling all-rounder.

Sri Lanka has won two matches here earlier in the tournament, and its familiarity with the conditions may give it an edge.

Pakistan will look to make a mark in transition phase

WC COUNTDOWN

Kavita Menon

Pakistan's journey to the 2025 ICC Women's ODI World Cup was turbulent, marked by inconsistency and leadership changes. The team struggled in the 2022/23-2025 ICC Women's Championship, winning only eight of 24 matches and finishing ninth, making qualification through rankings out of the equation.

A dominant performance in the Qualifier saw Pakistan win all five matches and confidently storm back into the World Cup again. Fatima Sana's leadership was central to this revival as she guided a side in transition.

The team's World Cup campaign, however, will rely on contributions from its mainstays. Sidra Amin, in fine form, has been Pakistan's most consistent batter, providing stability at one down. Muneeba Ali will be expected to ensure solid starts, while Aliya Riaz and Fatima are entrusted with anchoring the middle order and getting competitive totals on the board.

The skipper will also shoulder the responsibility of leading the pace attack alongside Diana Baig, aiming to strike early and set the tone. Spin will remain Pakistan's strength, led by left-arm orthodox spinner Nashra Sandhu and Sadia Iqbal, while Rameen Shamim will support with off-spin.

What will benefit Pakistan greatly is playing all seven of its group-stage matches in Colombo, allowing the team to benefit from the familiarity of pitch, bounce and boundary, and accustom itself to the subcontinental conditions. Pakistan enters the tournament with a blend of youth and expertise, though gaps remain in the lower order and fielding. In fact, the team's catching success is a dismal 68.5 per cent since April 2022 – joint second-lowest among the eight World Cup competitors – which could be the deciding factor in high-stakes games.

As the youngest ODI World Cup captain in Pakistan's history, Fatima carries the responsibility of translating potential into results, while Pakistan aims to assert itself on the global stage.

In full flow: Sidra, who has been a consistent performer, provides stability and loads of runs. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Impact Player
Sidra Amin, the No. 3 batter and a pillar of the Pakistan side, has been in excellent form leading up to the World Cup. Third in the country's all-time ODI run list, she provides consistency and stability, often coming up with match-defining contributions

The squad: Fatima Sana (Capt.), Muneeba Ali (Vice-capt.), Aliya Riaz, Diana Baig, Eyman Fatima, Nashra Sandhu, Natalia Parvaiz, Omaima Sohail, Rameen Shamim, Sadaf Shamas, Sadia Iqbal, Shawaal Zulfiqar, Sidra Amin, Sidra Nawaz, and Syeda Aroob Shah.
Pakistan's fixtures: Oct. 2: vs Bangladesh; **Oct. 5:** India; **Oct. 8:** Australia; **Oct. 15:** England; **Oct. 18:** New Zealand; **Oct. 21:** South Africa; **Oct. 24:** Sri Lanka. The team will play all its matches in Colombo.

Back to the drawing board: Suryakumar

Vivek Krishnan
DUBAI

If there was a lapse for India to address during its six-wicket victory over Pakistan in the Asia Cup's Super Four battle on Sunday, it was the fielding.

The Men in Blue dropped as many as they caught on the night, notably providing Pakistan opener Sahibzada Farhan a let-off on zero in the first over of the game.

Farhan went on to make a half-century in Pakistan's total of 171 for five. If not for that reprieve by Abhishek Sharma, the Indian southpaw's job with the willow in the second innings may have been even easier.

Although the all-rounder from Punjab made amends with his pyrotechnics in the chase, India will seek clinical execution in all three departments going into next year's T20 World Cup. Abhishek's drop at third-man was first of four chances that went begging. While the 25-year-old dropped Farhan a second time at long-on – albeit a much tougher grab – Kuldeep Yadav and Shubman Gill were guilty of spilling sitters.

Before the Oman match, India fielding coach T. Dilip had highlighted the challenge of taking high catches at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium. The venue is known as the 'ring of fire' because the floodlights are mounted around the rim of the dome rather than on tall poles.

"One of the challenges we encounter at the Dubai Stadium is that the lights are slightly different," Dilip said . "The challenge with the 'ring of fire' is that there is a tendency to lose sight of the ball for a split second."

When asked after Sunday's win whether the floodlights were causing an issue, Suryakumar Yadav said: "Not really. We have got a few sessions here. We have done a lot of fielding practice. It can't be an excuse. If the catches have gone, they have gone. We go back to the drawing board. We do a good session again and come back".

Butterfingers: Kuldeep dropped a sitter. AFP

Manhas confirmed as BCCI president-elect

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Mithun Manhas, former Delhi captain, has been confirmed as the president-elect of the BCCI. He will be elected unopposed at the Board's annual general meeting on Sunday.

On Monday, the election officer A.K. Joti, after scrutinising the nomination papers, announced the list of valid nominations, with only one candidate for each post following internal consultations with key political leaders to finalise the next set of office-bearers.

Meanwhile, Arun Dhumal will continue as chairman of the IPL governing council. Having served as BCCI treasurer (2019-22) before taking charge of the IPL in 2022, his eligibility was reviewed to confirm that the governing council does not fall under the BCCI office-bearer category.

Valid nominations: President: Mithun Manhas; **vice-president:** Rajeev Shukla; **secretary:** Devajit Saikia; **joint secretary:** Prabhtej Singh Bhatia; **treasurer:** A. Raghuram Bhat; **apex council member:** Jaydev Niranjan Shah; **IPL governing council member:** Arun Singh Dhumal, M. Khairul Jamal Majumdar.

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INBRIEF

K.L. Rahul is co-owner of PVL's Goa Guardians

Indian cricketer K.L. Rahul has become the co-owner of the Goa Guardians franchise ahead of the fourth season of the Prime Volleyball League to be held from October 2 to 26 in Hyderabad. "This feels like a full circle moment for me. PVL is a turning point for the sport in India. The bigger picture is to give volleyball the spotlight and screen time so that more people can watch it and love this sport," said Rahul.

Surfer Kishore wins maiden National championship

Kovalam's Kishore Kumar became the men's Open champion in the fourth and final stop of the National Surfing Series and secured his maiden overall National championship title. Kamali (Mahabalipuram) clinched the women's Open and the girls' u-16 titles, while Som Sethi (Chennai) claimed victory in the boys' u-16 category. P. Harish earned the overall u-16 boys' National championship title.

Navi Mumbai to host street car race in December

Maharashtra will witness a motorsport milestone this December as Navi Mumbai will host the finale of the Indian Racing Festival (IRF) on the State's first FIA-grade street circuit. The 3.753 km-long, 14-turn track will light up Palm Beach Road and Nerul Lake for a floodlit night race featuring top international and Indian drivers. The weekend will feature the Indian Racing League (IRL) and the FIA-certified Formula 4 Indian Championship. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis hailed the event as a boost for tourism, jobs, and young racing talent, calling it a "historic leap for Maharashtra's sporting ambitions."

Horner formally leaves Red Bull after agreeing exit

Christian Horner has officially left Red Bull after reportedly agreeing on a pay-off with the team, it was announced on Monday. He was sacked as team principal in July. He will be free to return to Formula One, potentially as soon as next year.

Indian team to take part in Asia-Pacific Motorsports

A 30-strong Indian contingent departs for Sri Lanka later this week to participate in the FIA Asia-Pacific Motorsports Championship 2025 be held in Bandaragama, from September 26 to 28. The competitors selected by the Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI) will participate in Karting (Sprint, Endurance, Slalom), Auto Gymkhana, Autocross and E-Sports (i-Racing, Assetto Corsa) disciplines.

LIVE TELECAST

Men's T20 Asia Cup: Sony Sports Ten 5 & JioHotstar, 8 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 & JioHotstar, 8 p.m.
LaLiga: FanCode, 10.30 p.m. & 1 a.m. (Wednesday)

Good going: India will be happy with its unbeaten run in the tournament. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

India beats Pakistan in SAFF under-17

The Blue Colts go to the top of Group-B with the victory; both sides had already confirmed their places in the semifinals

FOOTBALL

Sports Bureau

The India under-17 men's team beat Pakistan 3-2 at the Racecourse International Stadium in Colombo on Monday to go to the top of Group-B in the SAFF under-17 Championship 2025.

Both sides had already confirmed their places in the semifinals after winning their first two matches.

Substitute Rahan Ahmed scored the winner for India in the 73rd minute before Dallalmuon Gangte (31) and Gunleiba Wangkheirakpam (63) found the net for the Blue Colts. On the other hand, Pakistan scored via Muhammad Abdullah's penalty in the 43rd minute and Hamza Yasir's rebound strike in the 70th.

Danny Singh Wangkhem weaved past his marker before delivering a delightful ball to Dallalmuon Gangte, which the latter slotted in with ease to give India the lead.

A defensive lapse cost the Blue Colts as Yasir's run into the box was halted by Thonggoumang Touthang, prompting the referee to award a penalty. Muhammad Abdullah converted from the spot as Pakistan equalised before half-time.

India resumed the second half with renewed attacking flair, and the pressure paid off around the hour mark. Touthang delivered a slide-rule pass through the Pakistan defence, and Wangkheirakpam ghosted in to slot past the advancing 'keeper, restoring India's lead.

Seven minutes later, a speculative long-range effort from substitute Muhammad Awais was spilt by India custodian Manashjyoti Baruah, and Yasir pounced on the rebound to make it 2-2.

India, however, went on to reclaim the lead and win. Azlaan Shah's curling effort was parried by goalkeeper Saamar Razzak, only for Ahmed to react quickest, shrug off his marker, and calmly slot home the winner.

India will now face Bangladesh in the semifinals on Thursday.

The result: India 3 (Dallalmuon Gangte 31, Gunleiba Wangkheirakpam 63, Rahan Ahmed 73) bt Pakistan 2 (Muhammad Abdullah 43-pen, Hamza Yasir 70).

WFI serves show-cause notice to Aman on Worlds overweight issue

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) on Monday served a show-cause notice to Paris Olympics bronze medallist Aman Sehrawat for being overweight at the World wrestling championships in Zagreb recently.

Prioritising strict adherence to weight limits, the WFI also decided to do away with the two kg relaxation usually given to wrestlers during selection trials.

The stipulation will start with the under-23 trials scheduled in Lucknow and Delhi on October 4 and 5 respectively for the World under-23 championships in Novi Sad, Serbia, from October 20 to 26.

"Aman and the support staff assisting him in Zagreb have been issued show-cause notices. They need to reply by September 29.

"We have to hear their side of the story before taking a decision," WFI president Sanjay Singh told *The Hindu*.

Third-seeded Aman, a strong medal contender, was ineligible to compete in the World championships as he was overweight by 1.7kg ahead of his men's 57kg freestyle competition.

Sanjay Singh was unhappy that crores of rupees being spent by the Government on organising camps abroad was being wasted due to negligence. "The Minister (Mansukh Mandaviya) feels that unless we check this, it will be difficult to expect medals in the Olympics," he added.

After Vinesh Phogat's overweight issue at the Paris Olympics, which made the ace wrestler ineligible to compete in the women's 50kg final and practically denied India a medal, the promising Neha Sangwan (59kg) could not participate in the World under-20 championships last month for not meeting the weight limit.

Aman's case was the third such incident by an Indian wrestler at an international event in about a year.

Rohit to helm India Colts in Sultan of Johor Cup

HOCKEY

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Defender Rohit will lead India in the Sultan of Johor Cup in Malaysia from October 11, aiming to better the junior team's bronze-winning show in the previous edition of the event.

The tournament, which will conclude on October 18, will be an opportunity for India to prepare for the Junior World Cup to be held in Chennai and Madurai from November 28 till December 10.

India will begin its campaign against Great Britain on October 11, followed by a clash against New Zealand on October 12.

It will take on Pakistan on October 14 followed by match against Australia on October 15.

India will conclude its round-robin campaign against host Malaysia on October 17.

The top two teams from the round-robin stage will progress to the final, scheduled for October 18.

The squad:
Goalkeepers: Bikramjit Singh, Princedeep Singh; **Defenders:** Rohit (Capt.), Talem Priyobarta, Anmol Ekka, Amir Ali, Sunil and P B, Ravneet Singh; **Midfielders:** Ankit Pal, Thounaojam Ingalemba Luwang, Adrohit Ekka, Araijeet Singh Hundal, Rosan Kujur and Manmeet Singh; **Forwards:** Arshdeep Singh, Sourabh Anand Kushwaha, Ajeet Yadav and Gurjot Singh; **Standby:** Vivek Lakra, Shardanand Tiwari, Thockchom Kingson Singh, Rohit Kullu and Dilraj Singh.

Quinton de Kock makes ODI comeback; Bavuma ruled out

Associated Press
JOHANNESBURG

Quinton de Kock has reversed his retirement from one-day international cricket and was included on Monday in South Africa's squad for the upcoming ODI and T20 matches against Pakistan.

de Kock retired from ODI after the World Cup in 2023, leaving him to play only in the T20 format having already quit Test cricket in 2021.

Two years later, the 32-year-old opener is set for an ODI return in a three-match series against Pakistan, part of the Proteas' tour also containing two Test matches and three T20s.

Test captain Temba Bavuma is not part of the squad as he is recovering from calf strain.

Markram at the helm

In his absence Aiden Markram will lead the team for the Test matches.

South Africa will host the 50-over Cricket World Cup in 2027, perhaps a reason for De Kock's return to the ODI format.

de Kock. FILE PHOTO

Goa in prime position against KSCA Secretary's XI; MP in control over HP

CRICKET

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Madhya Pradesh maintained its advantage over Himachal Pradesh in the semifinals of the Dr (Capt.) K. Thimmappiah Memorial tournament, reducing the latter to 106 for six at stumps in reply to its 425-run first-innings total, at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Monday.

From an overnight 262 for two, MP added 163 more runs, with Himanshu Mantri going on to complete his century and eventually end with 131 (276b, 11x4, 2x6).

Then, left-arm spinner Kumar Kartikeya dismissed three batters from Himachal's top-five (9-4-23-3) to give his side the upper hand.

In the other last-four clash, KSCA Secretary's XI found the going tough, as it was reduced to 245 for eight in reply to Goa's first-innings total of 338.

There were no big contributions outside of opener Lochan S. Gowda (88, 155b, 9x4, 1x6) and No. 7 batter Kruthik Krishna (89 batting, 180b, 12x4, 1x6), which means Secretary's XI trails by 93 runs with just two wickets and two days left.

Timely knock: Himanshu Mantri scored a superb century. FILE PHOTO: SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

The scores (semifinals):
Goa 338 in 94.4 overs (Abhinav Tejrana 88, Lalit Yadav 113 n.o.) vs. KSCA Secretary's XI 245 for eight in 83 overs (Lochan S. Gowda 88, Kruthik Krishna 89 batting).
Madhya Pradesh 425 in 141.2 overs (Yash Dubey 140, Himanshu Mantri 131, Mukul Negi 5/110) vs. Himachal Pradesh 106/6 in 36 overs.

Olmo stars in Barca's win over Getafe

EURO LEAGUES

Agencies
MADRID

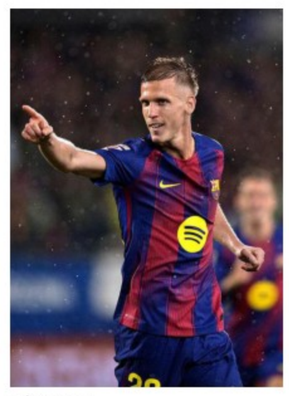
Dani Olmo scored and set up one of Ferran Torres' two goals with a neat backheel flick as Barcelona beat Getafe 3-0 in the Spanish league on Sunday.

Olmo's clever flick inside the area led to Torres scoring for Barcelona in the 15th minute, and Raphinha's assist to Torres in the 34th allowed the Catalan club to increase its first-half advantage. Olmo closed the scoring with a shot from near the penalty spot in the 62nd after a setup by substitute Marcus Rashford.

The victory moved defending champion Barcelona within two points of leader Real Madrid.

In the Serie A, Inter Milan bounced back from consecutive losses with a 2-1 win over Sassuolo.

Federico Dimarco scored early on after being set up by Petar Sucic and Carlos Augusto doubled the lead in the 81st with a deflected shot. Walid Cheddira pulled one back for Sassuolo in the 84th after an exchange with Domenico Berardi.



Olmo. AFP

Top results: LaLiga: Elche 1 (Silva 9) bt Oviedo 0; Barcelona 3 (Torres 15, 34, Olmo 63) bt Getafe 0. **Serie A:** Inter Milan 2 (Dimarco 14, Carlos Augusto 81) bt Sassuolo 1 (Cheddira 84); Cremonese 0 drew with Parma 0; Fiorentina 1 (Mandragora 6) lost to Como 2 (Kempf 65, Addai 90+4). **Bundesliga:** Borussia Dortmund 1 (Adeyemi 20) bt Wolfsburg 0.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Double delight for Shekar and Shilpa

Shekar Veeraswamy among men and Shilpa Puttaraju among women secured both the singles and doubles titles at the KARLE Infra Wheelchair Tennis Tournament that concluded at the S.M. Krishna Stadium at Cubbon Park recently.

The results (finals): Singles: Men: Shekar Veeraswamy bt Karthik Karunakaran 6–4, 6–3; **women:** Shilpa Puttaraju bt Prathima Rao 6–4, 6–4.

Doubles: Men: Shekar & Balachandar Subramanian bt Mariappan Durai & Karthik Karunakaran 6–4, 6–1; **women:** Shilpa & Shilpa Kudlappa bt Prathima N. Rao & Mubeena Kolkar 6–3, 6–4.

Easy for FC Agniputhra

FC Agniputhra blanked Bharat Bengaluru FC 4-0 in the Super Division League football here on Monday.

The results: Parikrma FC 1 (Manglenthang Sing Sit 22) drew with BFC 1 (Chaphamayum Rohen Singh 5).

United Stars FC 2 (Rajil Saji 58, D' Mark Anthony 86) bt MEG & Centre FC 1 (Rohith Soman 51); FC Agniputhra 4 (Aaryan Amla 5, Azfar Noorani 35, Ahamed Faiz Khan 37, K. Unise 89) bt Bharat Bengaluru FC 0.

Dasara Sports CM Cup inaugurated

C.K. Muralidharan
MYSURU

The Dasara Sports CM Cup 2025 was inaugurated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and three time Olympian wrestler Vinesh Phogat at a colourful function at the Chamundivihar Stadium on Monday. The State government also felicitated Vinesh Phogat with a cash prize and memento.

The games will see around 3000 sportspersons from Mysuru, Bengaluru (R), Bengaluru (C), Belagavi and Kalburgi take part across 26 sport disciplines to be conducted in the Chamundivihar Stadium sports complex and other venues in the city.

The games will conclude on the September 25.

Recognising excellence: Vinesh being felicitated by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. M.A. SRIRAM

‘Would love to see India and Australia in World Cup final’

Rachael Haynes, the former Aussie skipper, feels the ODI showpiece will be a hard-fought one; she also believes that England and South Africa, along with Harmanpreet’s and Healy’s outfits, will make it to the semifinal stage

CRICKET

P.K. Ajith Kumar
NEW DELHI

Twin advantage: Harmanpreet’s Women in Blue will have the privilege of playing at home and will also get huge support from the fans, according to Rachael Haynes. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Rachael Haynes believes it is going to be a close women’s ODI World Cup. And she knows a thing or two about winning it as she has two glittering trophies in her cabinet.

“I think it is going to be a really hard-fought tournament, and it’s going to be tricky,” the former Australian captain told *The Hindu* here.

“In the ODI series, we have seen the conditions that Indian and Australian players have played in. It is going to be really tough physically for players, spending a long time in the field in the heat and then having to switch into batting mode if you get that opportunity.”

Looking ahead to the World Cup, starting in Guwahati on September 30, she wouldn’t mind India and Australia facing off in the final. “I would absolutely love to see that,” says Haynes, who was the second highest scorer at the last World Cup in New Zealand (2022) with 497 runs at an average of 62.12, contributing handsomely to Australia’s victory.

Which teams does she fancy playing in the semifinals at this World Cup?

“Apart from Australia and India, I think England will be there,” she says. “Charlotte Edwards is such a fantastic coach. Heather Knight coming back into the side will make a difference. And I feel South Africa will get through just.”

Rachael Haynes.
P.K. AJITH KUMAR

Haynes, who made 2585 runs from 77 matches and struck two hundreds and 19 fifties, feels the World Cup will give another boost to women’s cricket in India. “I even noticed it, flying into India, the interest in women’s cricket was very visible,” she says.

“You could see that people were talking about the tournament, that it is being promoted. And this is a real opportunity for the Indian side and a huge privilege (for India) to play in a home World Cup and to have that support around.”

Sainz has a podium finish, Hamilton’s wait continues

FORMULA ONE

Associated Press
BAKU

The list of Grand Prix podium finishers in 2025 now includes Carlos Sainz, Jr. It still doesn’t include the driver who replaced him at Ferrari, Lewis Hamilton.

While Sainz was celebrating a third place for Williams that he called “even better” than his first in Formula 1, Hamilton is still waiting for a first top-three finish at Ferrari.

“Definitely disappointed to come away with nothing,” Hamilton told after the Azerbaijan Grand Prix.

Hamilton could point to some progress after starting 12th on the grid but the overall mood was disappointment after Ferrari had led the way in Friday’s second practice session, only to fall back into the middle of the pack. Teammate Charles Leclerc started 10th after a crash in qualifying and ended up ninth. “I felt so good in the car. But our ultimate pace in the race was just not on par with the guys up ahead of us,” Hamilton said. “It was so hard to overtake here today.” Hamilton’s time at Ferrari started with promise after a win in the sprint race at the Chinese Grand Prix in March but a double disqualification for him and Leclerc the following day pointed to setup issues which Ferrari has struggled to solve. For Sainz his third place was a vindication of his new team’s long-term plan to compete at the front of the pack again.

Frustrating: Hamilton was “disappointed to get away with nothing” after finishing eighth at Baku. AFP

Sainz said it also showed he was standing out among the drivers who had to adapt to new teams for 2025, a category which also includes Hamilton.

“Out of everyone that’s changed teams, which is not an easy task nowadays, I’ve been very competitive from the first race, very quick, but I didn’t have results, to prove myself, the team, and everyone that some good things were about to come. But, in the end, they did,” he said.

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